What is Within: Winter's Dawn (New Name)

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Summary: When the battle with Drago goes very wrong, Toothless' life is saved by a strange looking Night Fury. She wakes and meets a male without family and a shattered and violent past. Can she help him solve his problems, or will the Vikings and dragons of Berk be pulled into a war like no other? Fem!Toothless x OC War, love, family, revenge! (1st chap being rewritten!)

1. Chapter 1

CHAPTER SCHEDULED TO BE REWRITTEN, IT IS TERRIBLE.

Hey, so this is my first Fanfic. I have the majority of this story planned out, but no update schedule is set. At most, bi-weekly updates, unless school is earth-hammering me. And, before I go, I would like to give a shoutout to my two Betas, Turtlefarts27 and Phsyro. Both of them are amazing authors and their work could use some love, so when you are done here, do check 'em out!

~Moonchaser

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Pain. All Toothless could feel was pain. Her head pounded and her back stung. She groaned as her vision adjusted to the light and she

attempted to stand, but collapsed back down onto the cold, hard ground. _'What happened?'_ She tried to recall the recent events that had played out, and she jolted as they all came rushing back to her in a colossal wave of memories.

_ *Flashback*_

_She remembered a form approach her. "Toothless. Hey... it's me girl... it's me, I'm right here girl, come back to me." _

"Ha ha ha, she's not yours anymore. She belongs to the Alpha now, but please oh great dragon master, try to take her, she will not miss a second time." Her rider began to speak again, but that time, she could hear him through the Alpha's influence.

"It wasn't your fault girl, they made you do it. You'd never hurt him, you'd never hurt me." 'Yes, I know. I'm sorry, Hiccup!' She tried to say.

She then heard Him speak, "How are you doing that?" As her vision returned, she saw Hiccup clearly once more. "Please girl, you're my best friend, girl. My best friend." She shook her head one last time and her vision permanently returned. 'Yes! Hiccup, you did it! I'm free!' She rejoiced. "ENOUGH!" He shouted. 'FUCK YOU!' She yelled as she threw Him off. "YEAH! ATTA GIRL TOOTHLESS! Hang on!"

Hiccup reached her just before she hit the water. "We need to get those two apart. You've gotta block him out, Toothless. Do you trust me, girl?" 'Yes, I do!' "We can do this, you and me, as one." She heard the locking of the tailfin. "That's it, now, let's try this ONE MORE TIME!" The two flew straight for just a second before Hiccup shouted for the commencement of their plan. "NOW!" But they were too late, the ice hit them, and they fell. That was when everything went dark.

*End of Flashback*

As Toothless struggled to open her vivid green eyes and stand once more, her eyes came to rest on something she believed she would never see again. A pair of large, bat-like wings were stretched in front of both her and Hiccup. As she continued to stare, she noticed that the oversized Night Fury had bright, intricate, green and glowing markings on its back, brims of its wings, tailfins, and tipping its ear plates as well as its spinal-fins. It's a sight that struck both fear and puzzlement into the vikings of Berk.

"You are wounded, stay down. Sheild yourself and your rider." Was the first thing she heard from the male.

When she tried to lift her gaze to address him, he cut her off with a look. Obeying the large dragon, Toothless laid back down and struggled to curl around Hiccup's unconscious form to protect him from the battle that every being on the isle knew wass coming next.

The male turned back towards the evil Alpha, stood up a bit on his hind legs, and roared. Everyone was taken aback, both dragons and vikings alike. It was a roar that matched that of the Alpha's, with pure determination and anger burning in his slitted green eyes.

For the first time, the Alpha spoke out-loud. **"AM I BEING CHALLENGED BY A PITIFUL INSECT?" **He addressed the male Night Fury.

The Fury's only reply is another guttural roar of fury. At this, the male jumped up onto a spike of the Alpha's ice, and roared once more, his markings radiated with pure power. He sent blast after blast into the Alpha's face and neck. All the while, He commanded the Alpha, "DO SOMETHING! FIGHT BACK!_ FIGHT BACK!_" After several blasts, one of the massive tusks of the Alpha was severed from its gigantic head, disorienting and shaming him. The Alpha lost his focus and his control over the collective dragon army at his disposal.

After realizing just what was going on, seeing the strange male Night Fury protecting Toothless, Hiccup, the Isle of Berk, and the rest of the dragons joined in behind the male.

At this, the male Night Fury ordered them, **"Defend your home! Fire on the Alpha until I give the word!" **

Toothless didn't have the strength to watch, but she listened as much as she could. After hearing collective roars of affirmation, she knew her home would be safe. When the dragons began to open fire upon the Bewilderbeast, both He and the Alpha began to panic.

Suddenly the blasting stopped, and the male spoke in a collected manner, yet his voice still oozed anger. **"For what you have done, I will offer no chance at redemption. All I will grant you, Wyrm - killer of the innocent and enslaver of your kin, is DEATH!" **

After that, all Toothless heard was a roar and the beating of wings, followed by a sound which no being ever wants to hear: the charging screech of a Night Fury. Shouts of "NIGHT FURY!" and "GET DOWN!" were be heard throughout the crowd of vikings as most of the humans ducked and covered themselves while the dragons retreated a measurable distance. Having finally gained the strength to look upwards, Toothless saw a white-green ball of oxygenated acetylene, or as humans typically call it, a 'plasma blast', streak through the clouds. The moment the shot impacted the Alpha, the battle is over and won. It is also the moment Toothless' world distorted and faded as she slipped into the clutches of an eternal darkness.

Reviews are great! They tell me what I am doing right or wrong, or what you want more/less of. So, please do leave one!

2. Chapter 2

Hello there! Yes, another chapter for y'all. I will probably post the third chapter either tommorow or the next day to get some material out as I will not have alot of time to write as I will be in Cabo for a week. I changed up my writing style a bit, tell me if you like this better, or you liked the style of chapter 1 more. Let me know! Anyways, enjoy chapter two!

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After the Bewilderbeast's lifeless form slammed into the cold waters of the Nordic Sea, the male watched to be sure it was dead, despite knowing that nothing could have survived that blast. After dispelling his doubts, the Night Fury turned back to a crowd of dragons that had begun to surround him. Out of the crowd, a copper colored Stormcutter emerged. Stopping several feet in front of him, the Stormcutter lowered his head in respect, along with the rest of the dragons.

**"Alpha" **They said, recognizing their new leader.

A loud roar of acceptance and authority erupted from the Night Fury, to which the dragons responded by blasting their fire into the air, causing a massive explosion. Then, the dragons went to reunite with their riders. Cries of joy and happiness were heard from all but two souls.

The large male eyed the sobbing viking, whose head was draped over the female's head, softly crying into her still form. "N-No, not you too, I can't lose you, too. Please... come back to me. Toothless, come back..."

A pang of sadness and stung him as the scene slowly began to bring back some of his own memories. Painful memories which he did not want to remember. Pushing those thoughts away, an idea struck him. He knew of a power, not magic, but something ancient that rested in the very soul of every Night Fury- Life Fire, the very life force of a Night Fury.

He slowly made his way towards the lifeless form and the mourning viking, slowly drawing attention around him to himself and the other two. Many looked down towards Hiccup and Toothless with sad expressions on their faces, taking in the gravity of what had occurred. Even some of the dragons lowered their heads in respect of the passing. That was the time when the male decided to act.

Pushing his way through the crowd towards the duo, he projected his voice for all to hear. _**'I may be able to revive her, but you must leave her side, young one'**_

Everyone stood, dumbstruck at what they just heard. Hiccup slowly raised his head and looked at the Fury, and cast his gaze back towards Toothless' still form, and stood. Turning to face directly at the large Night Fury, he spoke.

"Please..." he murmured in a small, broken voice before walking slowly towards Astrid and Valka.

With the viking out of the way, the male set to work, something that has most likely not been achieved in hundreds of years. _'I'll do this, for him. Even if it is borderline impossible...'_ he thought. Walking to the head of the female, he carved two strange looking runes into the dirt with his claw, then proceeded to do the same at the tail. Following, he drew a circle in the dirt uniting the two

pairs of runes. With his back glowing brightly, he opened his mouth slightly, and began to stoke a soft, red flame. After several moments of silence, he began to glaze Toothless' scales with the gentle flame, earning himself screams and cries from Hiccup, who was restrained by Astrid and his mother.

When the flames covered the entirety of the runed circle, he stopped, and began a chant in an ancient language that was heard by both humans and dragons.

_ "LÃ¦kna LÃ¦kna_

Einn LÃ-f-Eldur lÃ-til, einn eldur bjÃ¶rt

LÃ¦kna, MÃ³Ã°ur-NÃ³tt

LÃ¡ttu eldur Ã- Ã¾Ã©r endurvekja eldi sem einu sinni brann skÃ¦rt innan Ã¾essu

LÃ¡tum eigiÃ° LÃ-f-Eldur mÃ-na renna Ã- gegnum sÃ¡l hennar eins og Ã¾aÃ° vÃ¦ri hennar eigin

LÃ¦kna LÃ¦kna LÃ¦kna

LÃ¡t kalla mitt aÃ° heyra til Ã¾Ã-n Ã- okkar tÃ-ma og Ã¾Ã¶rf, MÃ³Ã°ur-NÃ³tt

LÃ¦kna LÃ¦kna LÃ¦kna!

LÃ¡tum eldur hennar er aÃ° koma relit, og endurfÃ¦Ã°ast Ã-eldi**_"_**

Finishing the chant, the male outlined the now glowing circle with his wings, forming a sort of cocoon around the two forms, red and green light emanating from the center of the wings. After several minutes, the light ceased and the male collapsed to the side. Hiccup ran over to Toothless and hugged her tightly, and pressed his head onto her side. That's when he heard it, a strong and steady heartbeat, Toothless was alive. However, Hiccup noticed something different about Toothless, her left tailfin, was back.

"She's alive! You brought her back to life. And her tailfin! How did you...?" He quietly trailed off as he turned towards the large male, who gathered the strength to stand.

_ "You are welcome. As for the language and what I performed, that is a matter for another time. She will need rest, as will I and the rest of Berk." _

After a moment, Hiccup managed to snap out of his stupor and respond. "Sorry, just not used to a dragon speaking to me, let alone a Night Fury, athink that's what you are... that's all." which earned him a chuckle from the Night Fury.

Suddenly, the village elder, Gothi, rapped his shoulder with her staff. Stopping and facing her, he saw her gesture toward a pile of charred wood. Kneeling in front of Gothi, he waited as she painted the Hooligan Chief Seal onto Hiccup's forehead, before bowing to him. Gobber walked over to Hiccup and held his hand high.

"THE CHIEF, HAS COME HOME!" Gobber exclaimed.

After many cheers, Hiccup addressed the crowd. "PEOPLE OF BERK! Gather your dragons and meet inside the Great Hall! Today, we rest, tomorrow, we rebuild!"

Following the crowd of humans and dragons, the male gently positioned Toothless on his back and silently followed the crowd in the direction of the Great Hall. _'Maybe, just maybe. After all, they have accepted me...' _His gaze shifted to the crowd, to the still form on his back, and back again. _'Looks my life has finally taken a turn for the better' _he thought happily. Happiness. It struck him like lightning and stopped him dead in his tracks. He was shocked at how forigen the emotion was to him, it was something he had not felt since his time as a hatchling. 'Since they happened' he thought darkly. Quickly pushing those thoughts aside, he carefully followed the crowd towards the great hall.

**So that's chapter two! **

Translations of the day:

Heal Heal

One Life-fire dim, one fire bright

Heal, Mother-Night

Let the fire in you rekindle the fire that once burned brightly within this one

Let my own life-fire my slide through her soul as it was her own

Heal Heal Heal

Let my call be heard to you in my time of need, Mother-Night

Heal Heal Heal!

Let her fire be relit, and reborn in fire!

Please let me know which style you like better! Reviews are always a pleasant sight!

3. Chapter 3

Hello! This chapter will do plenty of explaining, if you were wondering when that would come along, ****_you know who you are hehe..._** Anyways, I will be away with minimal time to write in Cabo for a week, so the next chap will most likely be out in two weeks, maybe a week depending on how much I write before I leave. Special thanks to Turtlefarts27 for Beta-ing this chapter! Enjoy!**

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As the male entered the Great Hall with Toothless upon his back, whispers erupted from the celebrating crowd of vikings.

_ "Another one?"_

"Is it wild?"

"Will it attack us?"

"Look, on his back..."

"The markings..."

He simply ignored the crowd as he stalked over to the rear of the Great Hall. As he came around a large fire-pit, he scorched a decent sized area of stone and gently laid Toothless onto it.

'Rest' He thought as he laid himself down a little ways away from her.

He cocked his head as he took in his first real look at the dragoness. Her scales were a midnight-black with the faintest hint of a blue shine. Her frame was lithe and streamlined, defying her true strength.

_'She's beautiful,' _He thought as her scales faintly shimmered in the glow of the firelight.

_ 'You haven't truly met her yet, you don't know who she is. Such thoughts can wait.' _He mentally scolded himself.

He raised his head slightly off his paws as he heard the faint creak of a metal leg. As he turned in the direction of the sound, he caught sight of the human from before approaching him.

"Hey there," He said softly to the male as he gazed solemnly at the still form of Toothless.

_ "Do not worry yourself, human. She will be just fine, she simply needs to rest. She will be weak when she wakes and will most likely need help with things, and her wounds are healed, however, she must regain her strength on her own, and her muscle must heal on it's own as well, like her wing, for example. Aside from that, all will be well"_ He told the human reassuringly.

"Thanks. My name is Hiccup, by the way."

**'Ver well, Hiccup'**

"What are you called?"

**_ "I have several names, for now, however, you may call me

Moonchaser. I am sure you have many questions surrounding the recent events and myself, yes?"_**

"You have no idea..." was Hiccup's reply, eliciting a chuckle from Moonchaser.

**'Well, ask away'**

"Okay, to start off, what were those markings all over you earlier? The ones on your earflaps, those on the tip of your tailfins, and your wingtips are still there, but are no longer glowing. The rest are gone." He inquired.

_ "Something unique to me, like a power I can call on. According to my mother, when I was still an egg a massive storm passed through our colony. When the storm drew to a close, a colossal arc of green lightning coursed through the sky, hitting my egg, covering it in strange lines of green. As far as I know, that is where I received this... gift. It is also the only way to explain my large form. I would say I am around just above one and a half times bigger than your Toothless." _ Moonchaser answered.

Despite being curious about the sudden hesitation, Hiccup decided to leave it alone.

"What was that language you were speaking in, and what did you do to Toothless?" He inquired, more serious than the first time.

_ "The language is known only to our species. It is called NÃ³tttala, or in your language, Nightspeak. It is the native language of Night Furies. It is not magic, but there are The Scripts, phrases or words that can harness power far beyond comprehension. As far as I know, the Script performed on your Toothless was the first in hundreds of years. Very few have the knowledge, let alone have the strength to complete these. As for what I did to Toothless, I simply infused the power of the chant with my own, and used it to rekindle her Life-Fire, the life essence of Night Furies. I gave her some of my own Life-Fire, which almost killed me. I am surprised I am still alive. Normally, it was said that it is meant to transfer Life-Fire, not share it. I did something completely unorthodox and damn-near impossible, I almost died. However, both of us are still in this realm. So I suppose it was worth it. It saved you from a grief no-one should never have to deal with."_

"Wow, thank you..." Hiccup trailed off, left stunned at Moonchaser's explanation.

At that moment, a viking ran over, commonly known to Berk as Fishlegs Ingerman. He approached the duo, practically radiating with excitement.

Moonchaser projected his voice at the viking, _**'May I help you, ratherly large human?'**_

You could practically see Fishlegs' face drain of color, his mouth agape.

_'If you keep that up, you will catch flies' _ That is when Fishlegs fainted, collapsing to the ground in a heap of surprise.

_ "Well shit, I broke him... Although it's probably for the best. Enough questions for now, we will resume in the morning along with cleanup and rebuilding. I would like some rest..." _ He trailed off.

Several vikings in the vicinity who happened to witness the whole thing play out laughed heartily at Fishlegs' "antics". Smiling to himself, Moonchaser slithered to a corner of the hall and drifted off to sleep next to a large fire-pit.

"Poke him."

"You do it, you butt-elf!"

'Butt-elf...? What the hell?'

Opening one of his piercing green eyes, Moonchaser looked at the culprits responsible for reviving him from his restful slumber. He saw two nearly identical looking vikings looking down at him with questionable expressions on their faces.

_**'What. Do. You. Want?' **_He asked them, clearly irritated at being woken.

"Woah! It talked!" the duo said in synchronicity.

_**'Leave me be" **_Moonchaser commanded, still glaring at the two.

"Woah, chill out, we just wanted to see you blow something up. It would look awesome!" The girl said.

Growing more irritated by the second, he growled out, **_'If you don't back off, I will blow _****YOU ****_up!'_**

"Ooh, ooh! Blow up Ruffnut! Blow 'er up!" The boy snickered.

"Shut up, you butt-elf!" The girl, apparently named Ruffnut, bonked the boy on the head.

Seeing that this was going nowhere, Moonchaser slowly stood and crept away from the bantering two, escaping his torture without detection.

Taking note that the hall was slowly emptying out with the vikings retiring to their homes, finding that some were more sober than others, the young male sought out Hiccup. Finding him sitting in a chair near Toothless, he slowly padded up to him.

'Has she woken?'

"No, was she supposed to already?" Hiccup asked, slightly alarmed.

_ "No, that is to be expected. Se did die, after all. She will most likely not wake until sometime tomorrow.' _ Moonchaser said as Hiccup breathed a sigh of relief.

_**'Where should I move her?' **_He questioned.

"Here, follow me, you can stay in my house. We have a shelter and living space for Toothless, I don't see why you couldn't stay there, if you'd like." Hiccup offered.

'Thank you, I will' The Night Fury responded with a slight smile. Gently scooping up Toothless with his head and sliding her onto his back, he followed Hiccup out of the Hall and up a hill towards a large house.

Leading Moonchaser towards a large set of doors on the roof of the house which lead to a small deck-like platform.

"I'll meet you up there" Hiccup told him.

Jumping and giving his wings one strong flap to gain altitude, and being careful not to let Toothless fall off of his back, Moonchaser landed squarely on the platform. After nosing the doors open, he was met by a large room which took up a portion of the attic level of the building. There was a large rock slab laying in the corner, the top layered in scorch marks.

Padding over to the rock, Moonchaser scorched a suitable area of the surface of the slab. As he gently slid Toothless onto the slab of heated rock, and he noticed Hiccup walk into the room through a small, human-sized door.

"Hard to believe that a dragon of your size and power can be so gentle." He teased.

Moonchaser huffed at him, **_'I can't believe someone with a metal leg could be so sneaky, Peggy.'_**

"Okay, that was uncalled for." Hiccup crossed his arms.

Moonchaser retorted as he centered Toothless onto the warm rock.

"In all seriousness, thank you."

**'How many times must you say that? You've already thanked me. I just did what was right.'** He replied.

Moonchaser scorched an area of wood large enough for him to fit on next to the slab of rock, before plopping down and resting his head on his paws.

"Really? That's wood, you lazy reptile. And that's why we can't have nice things..." Hiccup trailed off, muttering.

**'Yeah yeah, don't let the door hit you on the way out, Peggy.'** They both shared a chuckle before Hiccup left the room.

"Goodnight, Toothless. Goodnight Moonchaser." Instead of replying directly, Moonchaser just grumbled sleepily, before drifting off to sleep.

So that was chapter 3! Reviews are always appreciated!

4. Chapter 4

Hello all! So, I managed to get this finished up before I leave, just for y'all. Now, I am going to try to get out chapter 5 out this week. **WARNING! CHAPTER CONTAINS A BIT OF GORE AT THE BEGINNING! Love ya people!**

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_*Moonchaser's POV; Dreamscape* _

_At that moment, I knew four things. Fire, blood, lightning, and screams. _

"Einar, hide. If anything happens**_, I want you to run, do you understand me? Run and fly as fast as you can. _****_Ã‰g elska Ã¾ig, Einar."_**_ she chokes out._

_I do as my mother tells me. I hide under my bed of grass and pine. _

I hear my father shout out,**_"FRIDA, MOVE!" "ANÃ“R, NO!"_**

Then an electrical blast rattles my earplates, and all I can hear is my mother's ragged breathing and an unfamiliar laugh. I poke my head out from under my bed and I see a grey Skrill standing above my parents. My mother is on her side, and my father has a smoldering hole in his chest. The skrill looks up. Right at me.

_"Hello there, aren't you... Strange looking"__ He says, grinning maniacally._

**"NO!" **My mother shouts, lunging for his throat.

He simply batted her away, and pinned her.

**"EINAR, RUN!"** I hear just before I see a razor-sharp tail seperate my mother's head from her shoulders.

"MOMMA!"

*End of Dreamscape; No POV*

Moonchaser awoke with a start, breathing erratically.

'Why... Why that one, every night...?' he thought as he collected himself.

As he went to move, his paws held him back. As he looked down he noticed that his claws were stabbed into the wood, making deep, highlighted indentations.

'Oh, right... Forgot about my claws, I'll apologize for that lat- No. That will bring up things no-one needs to know about, not yet... maybe not ever.' he told himself, staring at the claw-marks.

At that moment, Hiccup walked in, "Is she conscious yet?" he asked the waking Moonchaser.

Moonchaser narrowed his eyes in confusion, then he remembered Toothless.

"Moonch-"

_'_**_No, she won't wake until later, most likely this evening!' _**He growled out, cutting Hiccup off.

As soon as he realized what he did, he moved forward to apologise, but Hiccup stumbled backward in fear. Before he could apologise or ask what was wrong, he caught his gaze. His long, sharp claws were protruding into the wood slightly, tail flicking, and his markings were glowing slightly.

'Hiccup, listen to me. I would never harm you or anyone on Berk. You took me in, you may not think it, you do not know it, but you did. I... had a rough night' Moonchaser finished.

"I-I know. I just thought... never-mind. I understand. Nightmare?"

**'More like flashback'** he muttered.

Deciding against prodding for info, Hiccup left it alone... Again.

_'What is he hiding?' _Hiccup questioned himself.

**'Come. We have much to do.'** Moonchaser addressed Hiccup.

"Alright, let's go, Alpha" Hiccup said, taking one last look at Toothless, before continuing on with the large Alpha-male.

(LINE BREAK)

As the duo exited the shelter, everyone near drew their attention to them, dragons and vikings alike. After a few moments, the large, copper-colored Stormcutter named Cloudjumper landed a few feet away.

**"Good morning, Alpha." **Cloudjumper said, bowing his head slightly.

"Greetings" Moonchaser replied, albeit a bit curtly.

Then, a female woman jumped off the Stormutter's

"Hello, Hiccup!" she said cheerfully

"Hey, mom." Hiccup said,

It's... about dad." he said solemnly

"Oh, son. I am so sorry. You know it was't your fault, don't you?" she said, resting a hand on his shoulder.

"Yeah, it's just... I wish he were here." he replied.

"As do I, Hiccup, as do I" Valka said sadly, moving to hug Hiccup.

After a moment of silence Valka turned her attention to Moonchaser.

"So, this is our savior. Ah?" Valka mused, studying Moonchaser.

'Yes, you may call me Moonchaser. You are Hiccup's mother, yes?' Moonchaser inquired, cocking his head slightly in curiosity.

"Well, Moonchaser. Even after I heard it the first time, I still did not think you could speak to us like that. You don't resemble our Toothless in many ways. For one, you are much bigger." she said, circling him.

"And these markings! They're beautiful. Where did you...?' she said, running her hand along his head and ear-plates.

_**'Thank you. I take it you would like to know where I got them?' **_Moonchaser replied, smirking slightly.

"Why yes, of course!"

'According to my mother, when I was still an egg a massive storm passed through our colony. When the storm drew to a close, a colossal arc of green lightning coursed through the sky, hitting my egg, covering it in strange lines of green. As far as I know, that is where I received these markings. Along with a power I can call on. When I do so, consciously or not, these markings glow, as you have seen. Depending on how much I pull from this reservoir of power determines if the rest of them show up alight.'

"Wait, were those all of your markings?" Hiccup asked curiously.

'Observant of you to ask. Yes, I had drawn on nearly all of my strength when I fought the Alpha.'

"Oh my Thor... It's like you are invincible!" Hiccup shouted enthusiastically.

_**'Hehe, **__**hardly...'**_ Moonchaser replied.

Moonchaser, Valka, and Cloudjumper all chuckled at Hiccup's childish attitude.

"What are you laughing at?" Hiccup asked.

_Are you sure you're an adult? You act more like a hatchling to me.' _ Moonchaser chortled.

"I agree with the dragon, son" Valka commented.

"Yeah yeah, come on boy. We've got a long day ahead of us...'

_'Call me BOY again, Ill bite off your arms and beat you to death with them' _ Moonchaser growled, lightly pinning Hiccup

"O-Okay, no problem!" Hiccup sputtered.

**'Good, now , lets get to work. Cloudjumper?'**

"Yes, Alpha?"

**"Call for a meeting inside the great hall, as of now, you are my acting **

**"Thank you, Alpha. I am honored" ** Cloudjumper said, bowing his head before taking off.

'Hiccup, call a meeting inside the Great Hall immediately, I just had Cloudjumper gather the dragons. We will need to discuss plans for rebuilding, and I am sure some of the villagers have questions about me.' Moonchaser said.

"Okay. I will meet you at the Great Hall. Come on, mom." Hiccup said, walking up the hill, followed by his mother.

(LINE BREAK)

Looking out onto the mass of vikings and dragons that had assembled into the great hall, Hiccup shouted to quiet everyone down. However, his voice was lost in the sea of chittering dragons and bumbling vikings.

"Ugh..." Hiccup complained to no-one in particular.

_**'Let me have a go...' **_Moonchaser said, smirking and walking past Hiccup.

He suddenly stopped and let out a powerful roar that tore theough the air straight towards the crowd, doing more than just getting their attention.

"Thank you, Moonchaser." Hiccup said as said Night Fury retreated past him and sat regally offset from the viking chief.

"Good, now, today is the dawn of a new era for Berk, for all of us." Hiccup said, looking at the crowd.

"Today is the day we repair what is broken, and rebuild what was lost!" He proclaimed enthusiastically, earning himself cheers from the vikings and small roars from the dragons.

"Okay, so here is the plan. Dragons, you are under the command of your Alpha, he will guide you and hand out jobs, report to him." Hiccup said, gesturing to the Alpha Night Fury beside him.

"Vikings of Berk, we will work to repair food storage and the docks immediately. Infrastructure comes first. Then we will work on housing

and other assorted buildings." Hiccup said.

"Vikings, pick up your tools and other necessary equipment from your homes and forge."

"Gobber, can you handle that?" Hiccup asked the viking with interchangeable limbs.

"Aye, 'Iccup. 'Ave a little faith!" Gobber replied, chuckling.

"Okay, good. Any questions? No? Good. Berk, LET'S GET TO WORK!" Hiccup yelled enthusiastically.

"Hey, Moonchaser, do you mind keeping an eye on Toothless?" Hiccup asked the Alpha.

_'Um, sure. I will be either on the platform or in the shelter keeping an eye on her. Don't worry.' _ Moonchaser replied reassuringly.

"Thank you" Hiccup responded.

Moonchaser simply nodded.

_"I WILL BE ON THE PLATFORM OF THE CHIEF'S HOUSE ROOF FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY!" _ Moonchaser called to the dragons.

_"USE YOUR FIRE TO MELT THE ICE FROM THE ALPHA! WHEN THAT IS COMPLETE, RETURN TO YOUR RIDERS! CLOUDJUMPER IS ACTING SECOND UNTIL I MAKE A FINAL DECISION ON THE MATTER!" _ Moonchaser roared out.

"Yes, Alpha" the dragons replied collectively before taking off.

Watching the dragons set to work on the ice, Moonchaser nodded to Hiccup before taking off towards the chief's hearth.

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Alighting on the platform, he gently nosed open one of the shelter's doors. Slowly padding inside, he took note that she was still unconscious.

'Wake up soon, your rider is waiting for you' He thought, before laying next to the rock, in front of the open door.

He looked out upon the village before resting his head on his paws and going to sleep.

(LINE BREAK)

** "Alpha, we have finished with the ice. The rest of us are returning to our riders" ** Cloudjumper said, stirring Moonchaser from his light slumber.

**"Great, how long ago did you finish, and were there any problems?" **Moonchaser asked groggily.

"We finished not too long ago. The only issue we had was a Zippleback and a Nightmare fighting. Barf and Belch, and Hookfang, I believe." Cloudjumper said.

**"Not bad, Cloudjumper. Remind me to straighten those two out later..." **Moonchaser replied.

**"Will do, Alpha" **Cloudjumper replied, chuckling slightly.

Gazing out onto the village, Moonchaser took note that it was almost dusk on the isle. At that moment, Hiccup walked into the room, sitting down next to Toothless, before standing once more.

**'How are the human side of repairs coming?'** Moonchaser asked.

"Good, we predict that the docks will be repaired by tomorrow." Hiccup said happily.

"We are feasting tonight, if you want to join the rest of the dragons, you are welcome to, I will watch over Toothless."

**'No, thank you. However I feel like stretching my wings, I am going for a flight.'** Moonchaser told Hiccup.

"Okay" Hiccup said.

**"Cloudjumper, I am sure your rider is looking for you. Go on and join the others." **Moonchaser told the Stormcutter.

**"Thank you, Alpha" **Cloudjumper said to Moonchaser, whom replied with a nod, before taking flight.

'I will take my leave. I will return shortly.' Moonchaser told Hiccup, before walking out onto the platform and unfurling his large, bat-like wings, and launching himself into the darkening sky.

(LINE BREAK)

'I need to clear my head, so much has happened. Not that I am not grateful for it.' He thought to himself, landing on a small Island not far from Berk.

'But you know you have more pressing matters... You know you can't stop until all in that forsaken Order are dead, until HE_ is dead...'_ A darker voice said.

"No I... I don't want to remember!" He roared out, battling with himself, his flashbacks returning.

'No, I saved those people, I have made a commitment that I can't go back on.' He thought, finding his resolve, before blasting off toward the dimly lit Isle of Berk.

(LINE BREAK)

Hiccup launched himself out of the small chair he was planted in when he heard a small rumbling coming from the jet-black mound in the corner of the room.

"TOOTHLESS!" He yelled happily as he ran over and saw her brilliant green eyes slowly open.

"You're awake! Thank the Gods... You're ok..." He said into her scales as he gently hugged her head and tears of joy flowed from his eyes.

Toothless crooned happily and slowly shifted her head to nuzzle him lightly.

Hiccup lifted his head and turned towards the doors when he heard a light thump come from outside.

"Moonchaser?" he called out.

_'Who is Moonch-' _she was cut from her thoughts as a large, black head came into view, revealing a large Night Fury accented with green markings.

Toothless immediately became defensive, dragging herself in front of Hiccup, eyes slitted and earplates flattened against her head and growling.

"Toothless, NO! Calm down!" Hiccup cried at his terrified dragon.

Ignoring Hiccup, she growled and began to build up a blast.

Moonchaser recognized the look in her eyes, it was not one of anger, but one of fear. It was the same look he saw in his mother's eyes. As much as it pained him to do so, he ordered her.

"STOP" He roared at her, markings glowing brightly.

Toothless' jaw snapped shut, and she froze, eyes wide.

_'T-That was the command of an Alpha dragon!' _she thought to herself fearfully.

"I mean no ill towards you or your rider, Hiccup. I apologize for frightening you ." Moonchaser said to Toothless, his demeanor softening.

"Toothless, calm down. He is the one who saved your _life,_ remember?" Hiccup told Toothless soothingly.

Lowering her defenses, Toothless ceased her growling and glanced at Hiccup.

_**'Thank you, Hiccup.' **_Moonchaser told him.

"You're welcome."

**"Who are you, and how did Hiccup must understand you?" **Toothless groaned out impatiently.

**"As Alpha, I projected my Voice so he could hear and interperate it." **He explained to Toothless.

"A-Alpha!" She said suddenly, struggling to stand and bow.

Moonchaser simply walked up to her, and gently pushed her back down, ignoring her flinching.

**"You need to rest. You are still weak, your wounds have healed, but you must regain your strength on your own. Sleep until tomorrow, we will all speak in the morning. Now rest" **he told her, roaming over to the other side of the room and laying himself down in the corner.

Hiccup bid them goodnight, and left the room.

Translations: ****Ã‰g elska Ã¾ig- I love you

So, that's chapter 4! You finally get a bit of insight on Moonchaser's past, and it sure is not all sunshine and rainbows and learned his Nightspeak name! Chapter five will hopefully be out this week. Leave a review! They tell me what I can improve on, and what you liked/didn't like, they are very helpful! Thanks, and see ya in chapter 5!

~ Moonchaser

5. Chapter 5

Okay, I knoe no-one was expecting a chapter today, but I got it finished! I will no longer put out ETA's (because I am bad at following 'em: 2 early chaps) for chapters unless it will be like a few weeks. Special thanks to Kinkfury/Revanhun for Beta-ing this chapter! Lots of friendliness in this chapter, too. And don't forget to leave a review!

~Moonchaser

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Moonchaser awoke in the early hours of the morning with a jolt, shaking. Just as he had done many after other nights in his life. He glanced over to where Toothless was sleeping to make sure he hadn't woken her. After being still for a few moments, confident she was still asleep, he quietly crept over to the doors of the shelter, and opened one.

Stepping out onto the stone platform, he stood still and closed his eyes as the cool, gentle wind caressed his scales, calming him. Opening his eyes once more, he took in all of the light from the soft blue glow of the pre-dawn sky. Deciding it would be a few hours until the village woke, he stretched his wings, earning him several

satisfying cracks, and launched himself into the cool air.

After doing a round around the island, he spotted a cove deep in the forest. Deciding that it would be a nice place to cool down a bit and relax, he dove for the small crater. Landing a few feet away from the pond, he noticed a few ebony scales resting about the cove.

_'Looks like I'm not the only one that came here' _he mused to himself, pawing at a few of the scales resting near him.

He drew his attention to the pond as he noticed the surface of the water bubble slightly.

_'Perfect' _he thought hungrily to himself.

Padding over to the pond, he looked with predatory eyes as his tail flicked in anticipation, before launching his coiled body into the water. He let out a satisfactory huff as he emerged from the cool water with several fish.

_'I hope to everything I hold sacred that today, all will go well with Toothless. She doesn't fully trust me, I know that much... I am hoping for no attempts on my life...' _he thought morbidly, before devouring an early-breakfast.

Seeing that the sky was starting to gain an orange gleam, Moonchaser jumped into the water, cleaning his scales, before taking off towards the village.

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Landing on the platform, he gazed out over the village, the sun just starting to peak over the blue waves of the Nordic Sea. Remembering Toothless, he took off. Returning to the house, he turned his attention to the shelter and walked inside, careful not to wake Toothless. As he went over to his corner and laid out the fish, he heard a slightly muffled, feminie voice.

"And where did **_you**_** go?" **Toothless asked Moonchaser.

Moonchaser froze as soon as he heard it, slowly turned toward Toothless, and met her green eyes with his own.

**"I was... out?" **He answered.

**"Hmph, I want to know more about my Alpha. You showed up out of nowhere, saved my ass, and by the time I wake up you're apparently friends with just about everyone here and handing out orders. And what is with the green? So, if you could please enlighten me, it would be appreciated." **Toothless said, a bit commandingly.

**"Okay, from the beginning?" **Moonchaser said, sighing and laying himself a few feet from Toothless.

"Yes."

**"Okay. First off, 'What was I doing around the island?' Surviving, that is all you need to know. Second, I'm Alpha, it's my job.

Thirdly, my markings were given to me before I was hatched. Green lightning coursed through the sky and hit my egg, covering it in green lines. My size is a talk for another time. Happy now?" **he listed, clearly pissed at her attitude, regardless of his status.

**"Not quite, but one more question. Why did you save me? You could've killed me." **Toothless asked.

**"Words my father said to me, 'Protect the innocent, even if you are not. It served me well and it will you, live by this'. And frankly, I could not save you, but everyone else. You died." **Moonchaser finished, less irritated.

**"What? I... died? That makes no sense..." **Toothless trailed off, confused.

Moonchaser smirked, **"Veistu handrit?"** Moonchaser asked her in Nightspeak.

Toothless froze, she could barely remember the last time she had heard it, let alone spoken it.

**"Y-You used a Script on me?" **she asked, surprised.

He smiled at her understanding.

**"Yes, it probably should have killed me, and I am still replenishing all of the energy I used rekindling your Life-Fire with my own." **He stated.

**"Wow, I had no idea. I'm sorry, for how I acted. It was uncalled for, thank you forâ€¦ reviving me" **Toothless said sincerely, lowering her head down onto her paws in respect, recognizing him as Alpha.

**"You're welcome, hungry?" **Moonchaser asked, tilting his head slightly.

**"Yes, I am. I don't suppose you could-" **

**"Good" **Moonchaser cut her off, pulling the small pile of fish from behind him around to Toothless.

**"Thank you..." **she trailed off, eyes wide, staring at the fish before her.

**"You're welcome, now eat. You need it. I trust you slept well?" **he asked her.

**"Yes, thank you. How long was I unconscious?" **she asked curiously.

**"About a day. A lot has changed for you in that time, I would say." **He replied.

**"Understandable... Like what?" **She asked cautiously, unsure if she would like the answer.

**"This island now has an Alpha, your rider is now the leader of the

island's people, the rest, well, I can show you." **Moonchaser answered her.

Toothless breathed a sigh of relief as what she heard was nothing negative. Then she remembered.

**"HICCUP!" **Toothless shouted excitedly.

However, as she remembered what she had done, her face fell and she rested her head on her paws.

**"Hiccup..." **she murmured solemnly.

**"What's wrong?" **he asked, tilting his head in confusion.

Toothless didn't respond, but continued to stare off in the distance.

Noticing the sadness in her eyes, Moonchaser decided to change the subject.

**"Can you try standing for me? I would like to see how much of your strength you retained." **He requested.

Toothless sighed, **"Yeah, sure." **she said as she struggled to get on her feet.

Getting halfway on her feet, she fell. However instead of meeting the hard stone of her bed, she landed on Moonchaser's head, who grunted.

**"Thanks..." **she mumbled, humiliated as he laid her back onto the ground.

"You're welcome. You are a bit weaker than I expected, but nothing serious. You just need to take it easy, stay here for a day or two. I'll-" **He was cut off when Toothless groaned out **"A few days? Oh come on!"

"You want to get out?" he asked her as an idea came to his mind.

**"Yesss" **Toothless said as she lightly stretched.

**"Alright, if you want out, you aren't walking." **he said as she cocked her head at him in confusion.

**"Climb onto my back. It's the only way you'll be able to leave this room for a while unless you plan on dragging yourself." **he told her, gesturing to his back.

"What?! I am a prideful creature..." she trailed off as she weighed her options; stay here for two days, or get on his back and go outside.

**"Alright, fine." **she mumbled as he scooped her up with his head and she climbed onto the middle of his back, just big enough for her to be comfortable, well, less uncomfortable.

"Alright, just to be clear. I'm on top, I own you, **_Alpha. **_**I tell, you go." **she told him commandingly.

**"Yeah yeah, talk to your Alpha like that again and I'll leave you here." **he said to her, chuckling slightly to himself.

**"Hmph, fine." **she said, catching the hint of seriousness in his voice, before curling up on his back.

**"You're going to sleep, aren't you?" **he mused.

**"No, just getting comfortable." **Toothless said to him.

Moonchaser sighed to himself, before standing and moving towards the door, opening it to see the sun raised just above the village. He spotted a few dragons and Vikings moving about their morning routine.

**"Ughh, wha- woah..." **Toothless trailed off as her eyes adjusted and she saw the separated tusk of the Bewilderbeast lying on the ground by the docks.

**"Did you do that?" **she asked, shocked.

**"Yeah, now I've got to figure out how to move it and where" **he chuckled to himself.

'That's it? No gloating? Hmm...'

**"What? I can practically feel your questioning gaze boring into the back of my head" **He said flatly.

**"Oh nothing" **she lied.

**"Uh-huh, let's go find Hiccup, we have things to do as well." **

"We?"

**"Yes, unless you plan on staying somewhere all day." **he told her.

**"Oh, right" **she said dejectedly.

At that moment, Cloudjumper landed next to them.

**"Good morning, Alpha. Good to see you with us again, Toothless." **Cloudjumper greeted.

**"Good morning/Hey Cloudjumper" **Moonchaser and Toothless said together.

**"Cloudjumper, have you seen Hiccup? We need to speak with him" **Moonchaser asked his acting-second.

**"Down by the docks, finalizing repairs." **He replied.

"Thank you"

**"Wait, how do you plan on getting there?" **Toothless asked, silently praying that he wouldn't say 'flying'.

**"I'm going to run." **Moonchaser replied, completely serious.

**"Thank-" **was all Toothless got out before Moonchaser jumped off the platform and bolted down the hill.

When the duo arrived at the docks, Moonchaser spotted Hiccup and slowed his pace to a gentle trot.

**"Please, do not, ever, do that, again" **Toothless said between breaths, removing her claws from his shoulders.

Moonchaser chuckled, **"Next time, tell me to slow down" **

**"I DID!" **She yelled exasperatedly at him, while batting at his head with her paws.

"Oww, damnit!" he growled out as one of her claws grazed an earplate, not deep enough to draw blood.

"So you are not strong enough to stand or walk, but you can whack me with your paws?"

Toothless began to chortle at his expense as Hiccup walked up to them.

"Toothless! Hey girl, how ya 'doin?"

As she heard Hiccup, she warbled happily at him.

_**'She says you smell funny' **_he lied, earning him another onslaught of Toothless' paws.

_**'Oww, sorry, calm down, it was a joke' **_Moonchaser said to Toothless, who huffed at him. Hiccup just laughed.

_**'She's happy to see you, too' **_he told Hiccup.

"Was that so hard?"

**"Shut up, I am normally not this fun." **Moonchaser mused.

"So Moonchaser, what's the plan for the dragons today?" Hiccup asked the Alpha.

**'Well, I am going to have**** her **_**on my back all day. But we've got to figure out how and where to move that Bewilderbeast tusk.' **_he told the chief.

"What if we hang it above the Great Hall?"

**"That could work" **

_**'She says yes' **_Moonchaser translated.

"Alright. Now, to figure out how to move it... OH! I've got just the thing! Follow me." Hiccup said before sprinting off up the

ramp.

Toothless and Moonchaser exchanged glances before running after Hiccup.

When they reached the forge, they saw Hiccup rummaging around in a large box, before pulling out a small wheel-type mechanism along with some rope.

Moonchaser moved towards the object in his hand and sniffed it curiously.

_**'What is it?' **_he asked, eyes still focused on the wooden object as Toothless tried to paw at the rope.

"A pulley. It will help me lift things more easily." Hiccup said to the two of them

"Not for you, Toothless." Hiccup said when her paw finally caught the rope. Moonchaser and Toothless both chortled with laughter.

Wrestling the rope back, Hiccup continued, "I will make more of these out of metal. We will hang them above the great hall, and use them to hoist the tusk onto a mount." Hiccup finished.

Hiccup move to Moonchaser's side and began to scratch Toothless under her chin, making her purr in happiness, and collapsed into Moonchaser's back. As he turned around to leave, Moonchaser snorted.

"Oh, what? You want some too?" Hiccup asked the Night Fury, who warbled in affirmation.

"Alright..." he said as he began to scratch Moonchaser under his chin and behind his earplates. After a few moments Moonchaser slowly collapsed to the ground, purring in delight, taking Toothless with him.

"The two most deadly dragons on the planet, reduced to purring ragdolls at the wave of a hand" Hiccup mocked, laughing.

**'Who cares about being fierce and deadly when you can be ****this **_**happy...' **_the large Alpha Night Fury mumbled.

Toothless warbled in agreement.

"Night Fury? More like housecat." Hiccup said, continuing to scratch the two.

**"Fear me." **Toothless said, which Moonchaser translated to Hiccup, who began laughing once more.

Deciding he needed to get back to his duties, Moonchaser stood and scooped-up Toothless.

_**'You hu**__**mans are amazing.' **_Moonchaser warbled to Hiccup.

As Hiccup retreated into the forge, Moonchaser looked around and

spotted Cloudjumper.

**"Cloudjumper!" **Moonchaser called to the Stormcutter, gaining his attention and Valka's.

**"Yes, Alpha?" **

**"Do you know where I can find Barf and Belch, and Hookfang?" **he asked the large dragon.

**"I saw them and the rest of the originals head for the Academy." **he told Moonchaser as his rider came bounding up to the three of them.

"Toothless! You're awake!" Valka said excitedly, stoking Toothless' head.

She replied by crooning happily and lightly nuzzling her.

Valka chuckled â€žOh, Toothless..."

Moonchaser sent a glance her way.

"No, I did not forget about you. Why is Toothless on your back?" Valka asked him.

_**'She is still too weak to move about by herself, and insisted on not staying in the shelter, so here we are." **_he explained to Valka.

"Couldn't stay cooped up for a day or two, could 'ya, girl?" Valka asked, to which Toothless responded by warbling and shaking her head lightly, making Valka laugh lightheartedly.

"See you two later!" Valka called as she turned and mounted Cloudjumper, before flying off.

**"Do you know where the Academy is?" **Moonchaser asked, having a rudimentary understanding of the locations within the village.

**"Look that way, the large arena-like building" **Toothless said, gesturing to Moonchaser's right with her paw.

**"Thanks" **Moonchaser replied, before bolting off towards the academy with an angry Toothless clinging onto his back.

All four dragons and their riders turned their attention to the entrance of the Academy when they heard angry roaring coming from outside, only to see the large Night Fury enter with a very angry Toothless on his back, the latter batting at his head like there was no tomorrow.

**"YOU SAID YOU WOULDN'T DO IT AGAIN!" **She roared at him, batting at his earplates.

**"Oww! Stop i- Damnit! Knock it off!" **he said, slightly pained. Torn between laughing and being pissed off.

**"Say it" **Toothless said, pausing her barrage.

**"Fine, 'I will not run while Toothless is on my back'. Happy?"
**

**"Thank you" **she replied cheekily, earning a snort from under her.

Drawing his attention away from the female on his back, Moonchaser called out to the dragons, **"Where is Hookfang?"**

**"Right here. Looks like you already found yourself a rider." **Hookfang teased, forgetting Moonchaser's status.

**"Oh no... You idiot..." **Toothless said to no-one in particular as Moonchaser gently laid her on the floor of fhe Academy.

**"Well, it is rude to make fun of your Alpha. But you know this, don't you?" **Moonchaser said lowly to Hookfang, who just realized what he had done.

**"I am sure no-one would mind me teaching you a little respect, would they?" **Moonchaser said, glancing over to the other dragons, before turning his gaze back to Hookfang.

However, before he could say anything else, Toothless called out to him.

**"TunglveiÃ°imaÃ°ur! LÃ¡ta mig takast Ã¾etta..." **she said to Moonchaser, stunning both the five riders and the four dragons.

**"Hmm, alright." **Moonchaser replied.

**"Hookfang?" **Toothless called out from a sunlit corner of the Academy

**"Y-Yes?" **he replied, unsure of what was in store for him.

**"Be respectful to your Alpha, next time I won't hold him back" **Toothless instilled in him.

**"Alright, a-apologies, Alpha." **Hookfang said, bowing his head while Moonchaser sat regally.

"Thank you, Hookfang. The next time I hear about you or Barf and Belch causing trouble during the rebuilding, well, pray to everything you hold sacred that I don't." **Moonchaser told them, before padding over to Toothless and laying himself down a few feet away, whispering _"That was rich."**_ earning himself a few amused warbles from Toothless.

"You're welcome"

"Snotlout, I think the Night Furies just put Hookfang in a time-out!" Astrid said to him, laughing.

"Shut up! Hookfang can beat any dragon he faces!" Snotlout shouted, eliciting hearty chortles from both Night Furies.

At that moment, Fishlegs shyly walked up to Moonchaser.

"Can I ask you a few questions?" he asked, hoping for a response.

_**'Not now, sorry.' **_Moonchaser responded, not feeling in the mood for being barraged by questions.

"Okay, could you at least show me a fireball?" Fishlegs asked, excitedly.

_**'Why not?' **_Moonchaser figured aloud, as he charged a blast, and snapping his jaws open, sending a green ball of Acetylene coursing through the air and impacting the stone wall of the ring with a loud explosion.

"Awesome!" The twins shouted in synch.

_'Figures' _Moonchaser thought to himself, remembering his previous encounter with the duo.

Refusing to be out-done, Toothless fired a purple blast at the wall, followed by Stormfly, Hookfang, Meatlug, and Barf and Belch.

After a little while, Moonchaser looked up and saw stormcoulds on the darkening horizon. And, seeing the riders moving out of the ring, he decided to wake up Toothless, who had fallen asleep.

"Hey, time to go." He said as he padded over to her, waking her and scooping her onto his back.

**"Hmm? Okay..." **she said tiredly, before falling back asleep.

Moonchaser looked back at the horizon one last time before walking towards Hiccup's house.

As he walked inside the shelter, his earplates perked upwards as he heard the distant rumble of thunder. Toothless woke as he slowly slid her off of his back.

Seeing that she was slowly falling back into the clutches of sleep, he peeked his head through the inner-door of the shelter and into the house. Creeping down the stairs, he saw Hiccup sitting in front of a large fire.

Lying down near the fire, he broke the silence, _**'How did today go for you?' **_Moonchaser asked.

"Great actually, Gobber and I made thirty metal pulleys today." Hiccup said.

_**'Great, we can hang that tusk tomorrow.' **_Moonchaser declared.

Hearing the gentle patter of the rain on the roof, Moonchaser bid Hiccup goodnight, and retreated up the stairs.

As he entered the room, he noticed Toothless slightly shaking and breathing erratically, accented by sharp whimpers whenever the thunder roared.

Understanding roughly what was happening, he did something his mother used to do to him as a hatchling.

He walked over to Toothless and curled around her, enveloping her in his wings, while he began to make a soothing rumbling sound from deep in his chest. Almost instantly she stopped shaking and her whimpers quieted, and he soon joined her in a peaceful slumber.

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Hello! Hope you enjoyed chapter 5! Remember to leave a review!

Translations:

Veistu handrit? - Do you know of the Scripts?

TunglveiÃ°imaÃ°ur! LÃ¡ta mig takast Ã¾etta - Moonchaser! Let me deal with this...

6. Chapter 6

Hello! So, I am enjoying my two-week vacation, and will not have lots of time to write as I will be scuba-diving the next few days along with other things. Next chap will be out soon, I just don't have a date for y'all. Also, internet cookies for whoever catches my Avatar (James C) reference! W**ARNING:POSSIBLE TRIGGERS! Enjoy!**

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As Toothless woke the next morning, she found that Moonchaser was no longer with her, or anywhere in sight for that matter.

_'Hmm, must've woken early... Wait, why would he do that for me?' _Toothless asked herself.

Deciding on simply asking the dragon himself, she attempted to stand. Finding her legs stronger than yesterday, yet still unable to stand on, she laid back down, her failed attempts leaving her feeling deflated. Deciding that if she couldn't find him, she'd call for him she let out a loud warble, and waited. A few moments later, she heard a quiet thump at the doors of the shelter, and a familiar ebony dragon peer into the lowly-lit shelter.

"Hey, you're awake**.****" **Moonchaser said, padding into the shelter.

**"Yes, I am..." **Toothless replied, absentmindedly.

**"What's wrong?" **Moonchaser asked, in a slightly concerned tone.

Deciding now is as good a time as ever, Toothless asked Moonchaser:

**"Why did you do that for me last night?" **Toothless asked, cocking her head at him in curiosity.

**"Because you reminded me of myself when I was younger. The thunder used to terrify me, and whenever a storm came through, that is what my mother would do to calm me, and... it seemed to work." **Moonchaser explained, saddening slightly at the thought of his family.

**"Oh, well, thank you, I appreciate it." **Toothless said sincerely.

**"You're welcome. How are you feeling today, can you stand?" **Moonchaser asked, looking her over.

**"No. Well, not very well. I can lift myself off the ground for a moment or two, but... that's it." **Toothless told him.

"Do you want to be able to walk and fly **_today**_**?" **Moonchaser asked, smirking slightly.

**"YES I DO!" **Toothless warbled to him looking up with pleading eyes.

"Well, I did some thinking and I remembered a Script that could replenish the strength that you lost. I cou-"

"Do it!" Toothless exclaimed happily, cutting him off.

"Alright, alright! Let's get to the Academy" he said, scooping up Toothless.

However, before he could turn around to leave, Toothless said in a menacing voice, **"If you run, it will be the end of you..." **to which Moonchaser replied, **"Oh come on... fine. You're such a buzzkill." **before walking out, into the village.

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Toothless sighed as she looked upwards into the overcast sky, the ground still somewhat wet with the occasional puddle dotting the ground.

**"Why don't you like the rain?" **Moonchaser pressed.

Toothless sighed and shook her head lightly, **"I'll tell you later... probably." **Toothless said distantly, still staring at the

grey sky.

Realizing that he shouldn't press for more, Moonchaser closed his mouth and began walking down the hill, paws landing in the occasional puddle that dotted the dirt roads of Berk as they began the journey to the Academy.

As the Academy came into view, Hiccup and the rest of the teens and their respective dragons came into view.

**"What are the rest of them doing here, and why does Fishlegs look like he is about to wet himself?" **Toothless asked humorously.

"I told Hiccup of my plans**; ****I guess he told the others..." **Moonchaser said, matter-of-factly.

**"Wait, how did you know I would say yes to this?" **

**"Pfft, easy. How could you not?" **Moonchaser said, chuckling to himself.

Coming to the Academy gate, Hiccup went over to greet them and open the large, metal grate.

"Hey girl, how ya 'doin?" Hiccup asked Toothless.

Toothless warbled happily, licking his face.

"TOOTHLESS, come on! You know that doesn't wash out!" Hiccup chuckled, slightly exasperated, making Toothless chortle with laughter.

_**'What? None for me?' **_Moonchaser complained.

"No. _You _have a job to do." Hiccup said, making Moonchaser flatten his earplates and whimper in disappointment.

**"Oh don't be such a hatchling..." **Toothless said in a condescending tone.

"You know, I could always just, not perform the Script on you..." Moonchaser said, teasingly, moving to turn back around before Toothless responded quickly: **"Alright, sorry! You're not a hatchling!" **

"Thank you**.****"**

"You ready, girl?" Hiccup asked, to which Toothless responded by warbling excitedly.

Hiccup laughed, "I'll take that as a yes" he said.

The teens (mainly Fishlegs) began to get excited as Toothless and Moonchaser entered the arena.

Moonchaser moved to the center of the ring and laid Toothless down onto the wet stone, who whined in discomfort.

"Oh, don't be a hatchling." Moonchaser said, earning himself a bat on the nose.

Moonchaser began to write three different pairs of into the arena floor, at which point Fishlegs practically started squealing.

"Ooh, this is so exciting! Isn't it, girl?" he said to Meatlug.

_**'Could you not, please? This requires a great deal of concentration' **_Moonchaser told Fishlegs, his patience wearing thin.

"Sorry"

**"Are you ready?" **Moonchaser asked Toothless.

**"I am, do it." **she nodded seriously.

"Okay, whatever you do, do not move when I begin. Just stay still, and let your mind go blank. Head down." Moonchaser replied, wetting his claw and making a small rune on her chest with the water, which Toothless looked up to examine.

**"Down" **He told her again, gently pushing her head back down.

_**'I am going to begin shortly, no-one must approach during this process.' **_He told the group of Vikings and dragons.

Moving to her other side, Moonchaser stood and blew the cherry-red fire against her scales once more, before creating a teepee like shape with his wings, concealing her from the world.

Then, he began the script:

**'Ãžessi er veik, MÃ³Ã°ir-NÃ³tt**

**Taktu styrkur minn, lÃ¡ta Ã¾aÃ° renna Ã- gegnum Ã¦Ã°ar okkar.**

**Styrkur af fjÃ¶llum, vald Ã¡ jÃ¶rÃ°u, og nÃ¡Ã° sjÃ³.**

**Styrkja huga hennar og lÃ-kami hennar,**

**MÅ‘Ã°ir NÃ³tt'**

Moonchaser chanted through the red fire exploding from his maw.

As he finished, he collapsed to the side, revealing Toothless, who _looked_ stronger; her lean muscles more defined through her scaled hide.

"Toothless! Are you ok?" Hiccup shouted as he ran over to her, still not used to the prospect of this 'healing-fire' so to speak.

Toothless purred reassuringly and stood, showering Hiccup in licks.

Hiccup laughed, "I'll take that as a yes."

Then he drew his attention to where Moonchaser lay unconsciously, "What about him?"

At that point all of the present Vikings and dragons had gathered.

"Snotlout, poke him, see if he's dead" Tuffnut said casually.

"Guys, stop. Toothless?" Hiccup asked.

Toothless sniffed Moonchaser a few times and warbled as if to say, 'Oh, he'll be fine', and after prodding him a couple of times, she let out a slightly less-confident warble, as if to say, 'Probably...'

After a few moments, Moonchaser began to stir, causing all to lean in closer to him.

_**'Hey, give me some room, I wasn't dead...' **_Moonchaser told his present company.

Toothless chortled.

**'Oh be quiet.'**

Standing shakily, Moonchaser circled around Toothless slowly, examining her.

**"Uhhm, what are you doing?" **Toothless asked, irritation lacing her voice.

"Checking for any abnormalities, just in case **_someone**_** moved during the whole ordeal." **Moonchaser said seriously, moving to her front finishing his inspection, finding nothing.

"Did he just examine her as a candidate for mateship?" Fishlegs asked excitedly, earning him glares from the two dragons. Surprised noises escaped their maws.

_**'What? No! I was checking for anything out of order! Which there seem to be none.' **_he finished.

Toothless batted lightly at Fishlegs with her tailfins.

"Sorry" Fishlegs muttered, looking at the ground, embarrassed.

Looking up and squinting at the sky, finding himself unable to judge the time due to the overcast sky, Moonchaser guessed that it was about mid-morning.

_**'I am going to get some fish before I starve to death...' **_Moonchaser said, walking away, followed by Toothless, Stormfly, and Hookfang.

"I suppose I could join you"

"Alright, I'll come"

**"Why not?" **

As the four of them began walking up the hill, Toothless ran a bit to catch up to Moonchaser.

"Thank you, for**... ****everything. I appreciate it. I can't wait to fly again!" **Toothless said thankfully.

**"You're welcome. However, don't get too far ahead of yourself. You were unconscious for over a day, you need to eat, alright? Also, will you tell me why you were so frightened last night of the storm?" **Moonchaser asked.

Toothless sighed, **"Yes, I will, when we don't have an audience." **she said, gesturing towards Hookfang and Stormfly. **"After midday meal. And, you also still need to answer the rest of my questions..." **Toothless trailed off, turning to look at Moonchaser.

Then, it was his turn to sigh, **"Alright, deal." **Moonchaser assured her as they made their way to the center of town.

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As the four arrived at the feeding station, the heads of all nearby dragons went into a bow. Acknowledging their respect, Moonchaser moved towards the feeding station, followed by Toothless, Hookfang, and Stormfly, for whom spots were instantly created for.

'Hmm, usually it is hard to eat here while the fish are fresh, I suppose being in the company of the Alpha has its pros...' she thought as she looked to her large companion.

As the small group ate in silence as a raindrop landed squarely on Moonchaser's nose, surprising him into dropping the fish in his mouth, causing Toothless to chortle in laughter.

**"What? It surprised me!" **Moonchaser protested.

Toothless continued to laugh, **"The mighty Night Fury Alpha, killer of the Wyrm, bested by a mere raindrop."**

**"Tch, don't even start..." **he said, flattening his earplates to his head.

Finishing his last fish, he turned to Toothless, **"Ready to go?"**

**"Yes, let's get somewhere. Another storm is coming..." **she trailed off, staring up at the sky.

**"Agreed, why don't we head back to the shelter?" **Moonchaser suggested.

Toothless agreed and Moonchaser followed her to Hiccup's house.

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As the duo walked into the shelter, the rain came. Making themselves

comfortable, Toothless on her stone, Moonchaser lying on the wood, Moonchaser broke the silence.

**"So do you want to start?" **Moonchaser asked the female.

**"Sure. Why was I afraid of the storm? Because it's how I lost my family..." **Toothless began.

Moonchaser was shocked, he had no idea that her fear had run this deep.

**"When I was eight ****winters old, my family and I were out flying before a storm, My mother, my father and myself. As the wind rolled in, so did the mists. I lost my family as the lightning and rain came, and have not seen them since... As I flew, trying to find them, the rain became unbearable and I was forced to seek shelter, that is when the False Alpha, or Queen and Red Death, as the humans call her, invaded my mind and I was made one of her servants, raised by a flock of Nadders. That is the reason I fear storms, for every time thunder rolls, I fear I will lose someone close to me. And the occasional nightmares only make it worse." **Toothless said, choking out the last bit of information, drawing her gaze to the floor.

Knowing exactly what she was feeling, Moonchaser moved next to her rock, and placed his head on hers, and began to rumble soothingly. Satisfied, feeling her faint quaking cease and her shaky breathing becoming slow and calm. After a few minutes, he broke the silence once more.

"I'm sorry, I know how you feel... I shouldn't have asked..." Mooncahser said, still trying his best to comfort her.

"No, it's okay. I am just... glad **_someone**_** cares, you know?" **she said, glancing up at Moonchaser.

Moonchaser sighed, **"Yeah. My turn... Whe-" **Moonchaser began, however he was cut off when he heard Cloudjumper land outside.

Removing his head, he stood up, he walked to the doors.

**"Alpha? You are needed." **

Moonchaser sighed, **"Alright, what is it?"**

"Drago's dragons are causing trouble, starting fights with the others."

**"Hmm, from what I have heard, it seems as if that is all they knew prior to my Alphahood. I'll talk to the lot..." **Moonchaser said.

**"Good to hear, Alpha." **Cloudjumper said respectfully.

As Moonchaser turned to leave, he stopped and looked back to Toothless.

**"Listen, we'll talk some more later, okay?" **Moonchaser smiled to Toothless, before exiting the shelter, leaving Toothless with her thoughts as he headed outside.

As Moonchaser exited the shelter and approached the accused group of dragons. He called out, **"I want to know how this started, what happened during it, and how it ended, am I clear?"**

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Toothless looked up the hill that she and Hiccup were walking up to see Moonchaser landing outside the shelter, when he spotted her.

_**'Hello to both of you.' **_he rumbled, nodding to both of them with an angry frown on his face.

"Hey Moonchaser."

"Hello, Alpha. Why the irritated expression?"

**"THESE VIKINGS ARE IMPOSSIBLE! 'What is my dragon saying?' 'Translate her!' 'Use your 'dragon magic'! Gah! How do you put up with them?" **Moonchaser grumbled in annoyance, a desperate look painting his face.

Toothless laughed, **"Lots of patience."**

**"You're not helping." **Moonchaser deadpanned.

"Stop bickering you two, or at least that is what I think you're doing..." Hiccup told the duo, scratching their chins.

"However, **_your**_** human is my favorite." **Moonchaser said blissfully.

"No, he's **_mine**_**. I'm not sharing..."** Toothless said, pushing Moonchaser's head away from Hiccup with her tail. Moonchaser gave her a look.

"Toothless, don't be selfish." Hiccup said, like a parent reprimanding a child.

All three of them shared a laugh before Hiccup spoke again.

"Tonight, we will be doing the third and last night of feasting and I would like both of you to join the rest of us." Hiccup told them.

Toothless warbled to Moonchaser.

**'Sure, we will join you.' **

"Great!" Hiccup smiled as he began to walk away.

**'Hey, Hiccup. Don't you want to see what a Night Fury can do with ****both**_** tailfins?' **_Moonchaser asked him with a smirk on his face, gesturing to Toothless, who was bouncing and wagging herself excitedly.

"You up for a dragon race, girl?" Hiccup asked, to which Toothless

responded by running off into the forge and coming back with her saddle.

"I'll take that as a yes." Hiccup said, before removing the tail-gear and slipping on the saddle.

_**'Dragon race?' **_Moonchaser asked, tilting his head in curiosity.

**"Yup, hey, you should compete!" **Toothless said excitedly.

**'She says I should compete.'**

"Hel, yeah! That would be great, let me explain the guidelines..."

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As their conversation drew to a close that evening, Gobber came over and told Hiccup that it was time to start the feast.

The trio followed Gobber up the hill and to the great hall, inside which the island's dragons and Vikings were gathering.

As Moonchaser and Toothless entered the hall, many of the dragons bowed to acknowledge the Alpha's presence.

"Hey, did they just bow to _both_ of you?"

_**'It seems so.' **_Moonchaser said, then a spark of realization hit him as he yelled out in the dragon tongue, **"HOOKFANG! SPREAD ANYMORE RUMORS AND I'LL KILL YOU!" **Moonchaser roared out, earning looks from nearby dragons and a loud chortle of laughter from Toothless.

**"Oh settle down, Alpha. It's just how they have fun... Not that I am fond of it." **Toothless said.

**"What are you talking about?" **Moonchaser asked her.

"Hookfang and the rest of the originals."

"Originals? What do you mean?"

**"So, about ten years ago..." **Toothless began, moving to the center of the hall with Moonchaser, lying down beside a large fire.

**"...Dragons and Humans were enemies. We were controlled by a large False Alpha, or Queen. We were forced to raid every night, to bring her food. During one such raid, a certain Viking teen shot me out of the sky. The next day, he found me in the woods, bound by the ropes that brought me down. He went to kill me, but he hesitated, then he set me free. I did not kill him that day. It was unheard of, a Viking sparing a dragon and a dragon sparing a viking. That was the moment when I knew he was different. Hiccup and I slowly bonded and became each other's best friend, until one day I heard him scream. As I ran, I tracked him to the arena, where he was being attacked by a Nightmare. In the chaos of defending him, I myself was captured by

the Vikings and Hiccup's father. Using me to lead them to the Nest. Hiccup arrived on dragonback and attempted to free me, however he failed. His **_**father**_** was actually the one that had freed me. From there, Hiccup and I killed the Queen, ending a three-hundred long year war." **Toothless explained proudly.

"Wow, you, killed a **_Nest Queen.**_**" **Moonchaser uttered with awe.

**"Yes, yes I did." **Toothless said, sitting regally.

**"There is a difference in gloating and being proud, you know?" **Moonchaser asked teasingly.

Toothless responded by batting him with her tail and paws.

Moonchaser chuckled, **"Okay okay..." **He said, resting his head on his paws.

Toothless caught herself staring at his densly muscled body, noticing now several scars dotting his underside.

_'What are you doing? Really? The _Alpha_? That can't happen...' _she scolded herself, however, conflicting thoughts were battling one another in her head.

Then, Hiccup called her over, _'Thank you Hiccup.' _she thought to herself relieved from her current thoughts.

However, at that moment, a Viking burst into the hall accompanied by a smaller man.

"Johann! How are you, strange seeing you now."

"No time to talk, Master Hiccup. Dagur got his Skrill back!"

Moonchaser froze. _'N-No, not another one...' _

Moonchaser stood slowly, breathing erratically as his body began to quake. His pupils dialate and contract rapidly as his srnses go into overdrive, adrenaline pupming through his viens.

"NO!" Moonchaser roared.

Terrified, he bolted out of the great hall and blasted into the black skies, markings ablaze.

**"Moonchaser, wait!" **Toothless yelled after him, to no avail.

Throwing herself out of the hall, she took off after him.

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After flying for about an hour, Toothless spotted a small greenlit blur land on an island. She stood and few after him.

Landing on the inner edge of the crescent-shaped island, her paws were instantly cushioned and covered in a blanket of ash several inches thick.

After walking for several minutes, searching for Moonchaser, she heard faint cracking noises every time she took a step. Curious, she pawed away the ash, and what she saw, terrified her.

She was standing on bones. Not just any bones, _Night Fury bones._

Taking to the air to get away, she spotted Moonchaser in the center of the island, more markings than she ever recalled seeing ablaze.

Throwing caution to the wind, she landed with a soft thud on the sea of ash.

Looking to where Moonchaser stood, she was surprised. She saw a single Night Fury skull, a few feet away.

**"Moonchaser?" **she called out softly.

As he turned around, the raging sea of emotions she saw in his eyes puzzled her, angered her, saddened her, and terrified her. It was the look of fear, anger, terror, rage, sadness, stress, and hate.

Cautiously, she moved forward. **"Moonchaser... what's wrong?"**

**"Einar. My name... is Einar. Not Moonchaser." **he choked out, being ravaged by all the emotions he was experiencing.

"Einar, where are we?"

"W-What used to be my h-home, until... the O-Order of the Dawn came."

**"T-They slaughtered everyone. EVERYTHING I EVER KNEW, DESTROYED! THE SKRILLS, THEY MURDERED THEM ALL!" **Einar/Moonchaser roared out, firing a blast and obliterating a nearby hill, markings flashing with his rage and hate coming to surface.

**"E-Everyone is gone..." **he whispered, turning to the skull before him and touching his nose against it, and broke down.

Instantly, Toothless understood, his secrecy, reluctance to talk about his past, always finding a diversion of sorts to save him the pain. Then the bones, they must have been his colonymates. He had been through trials that most dragons couldn't begin to comprehend, he was broken.

Narrowing her options, she rushed to his side.

As soon as she approached him, Einar/Moonchaser spun and buried his head into her chest, and let out a long, muffled, mournful croon.

Toothless wrapped her wings around the large dragon and placed her

head on his neck and nuzzled him comfortingly, imitating the rumbling noise he created earlier.

Slowly but surely, his crooning quieted and his ragged breathing calmed, and he spoke quietly:

"Thank you, so much..."

Toothless did not respond, but continued to nuzzle him comfortingly, before he lightly backed away.

As Einar looked up into her eyes, he knew she understood his pain, he he did hers.

"Come on, Einar, let's go back to Berk. We can prepare for Dagur there, okay?"

**"Alright, let's go..." **he agreed ina low whisper, taking one last look at the skull that lay before him, and took off.

The two flew silently back to Berk, with an understanding of one another, far deeper than when they had
arrived.

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So, there is chapter 6! Chapter 7 will be out soon! Please do leave a review!

Translations:

Ãžessi er veik MÃ³Ã°ir-NÃ³tt

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Styrkur af fjÃ¶llum, vald Ã¡ jÃ¶rÃ°u, og nÃ¡Ã° sjÃ³ .

Styrkja huga hennar og lÃ-kami hennar,

MÃ³Ã°ir-NÃ³tt

This one is sick Mother-Night

Take my strength , let it flow through our veins .

The strength of the mountains , the power on the ground , and grace the sea .

Strengthen her mind and her body,

Mother-Night

7. Chapter 7

Hello! Here's another chapter. Chapter eight will probably be out within a week, but don't hold me to that XD. Translations at the bottom!

~Moonchaser

I OWN NOTHING

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><p>As the two dragons silently flew back to Berk, Toothless couldn't help but wonder how he had survived all these years without all of the proper knowledge.<p>

_'Hmmm, his markings are still flaring. I suppose it is not my place to ask why...' _She thought as she looked over her wing at the large dragon, gliding silently behind her, occasionally flapping his wings.

"What?" Moonchaser asked her, catching her dilated stare.

**"Oh... Nothing. We'll talk later, alright?" **Toothless replied softly, turning her head back, eyes front as Berk came into view.

Looking upwards, she caught sight of the moon between the dark clouds, nearly halfway to its peak in the sky. Deciding that the hall would still be full, she beckoned to Moonchaser.

"Follow me to the hall, Einar. It will still be full**.****" **she told him.

_'Hmm, so she doesn't know... good, let's keep it that way...' _he thought, relieved.

"Toothless, call me Moonchaser ****when we're not in private, please**. My Nightspeak name may cause... unrest..." **he ordered her.

**"Yes, Alpha. May I ask why?" **she inquired curiously, while she looked back at him.

"No..." Moonchaser informed her sternly as they alighted outside the great hall.

(Inside the hall with Hiccup)

When Hiccup heard the beating of wings and a two thumps, he looked to the door, seeing Toothless walk in followed by a Moonchaser with his markings glowing lowly. Hiccup did not have to be a dragon to see the cold, distressed mood radiating from the Night Fury.

Strolling up to the duo, he scratched Toothless' chin, earning him a coo of delight.

"Hey girl, what's wrong with Moonchaser, huh?" Hiccup asked Toothless, gesturing to the Night Fury curling in the corner of the hall.

Toothless wished desperately that she could speak to him, but settled for a distressed warble.

Hiccup sighed, "Talk to him, girl. Past few days, you two have become

close..." Hiccup said, scratching Toothless, who jumped and stared at him, eyes wide like dinner-plates.

Hiccup laughed, "Calm down, girl. Not like that!"

Toothless stood and padded over to Moonchaser, who lifted his head and stood.

**"What is it?" **he asked curiously.

**"I just realized I had never welcomed you as Alpha. The Nightfurian way..." **Toothless trailed off, smiling. Moonchaser tilted his head in curiosity. Circling him, Toothless began in a soft, sweet voice:

**'Allt skal annar Ã¾eirra lofsyngja Alfa,**

**Ã• Eternalrest mun fylgja,**

**Ãžegar Ã¡ leiÃ° til doom Ã¾Ãº ferÃ°,**

**Og Ã¾etta lag Ã¾Ãº ganga**

**Er kalt, svo kalt, svo kalt.**

**Ã‰g leitaÃ°i Forskriftir,**

**Ã‰g sendi Forskriftir.**

**FrÃ¡ dÃ½psta brunni**

**Ã‰g varpa tÃ¡r svo sterk**

**FrÃ¡ veÃ°i The Alfa er.**

**Allt skal annar Ã¾eirra lofsyngja Alfa,**

**Ã• foreversleep mun fylgja,**

**Ãžegar Ã¡ leiÃ° til doom Ã¾Ãº ferÃ°,**

**Og Ã¾etta lag Ã¾Ãº ganga**

**Er kalt, svo kalt, svo kalt.**

**Snemma eÃ°a Ã- lok,**

**ViÃ° munum vita ef Ã¾Ãº fellur.**

**Ãžegar Ã¾Ãº stendur Ã- hliÃ°inu til Eternalrest**

**Og Ã¾egar Ã¾Ãº ert aÃ° villast,**

**Ã‰g skal fylgja Ã¾Ã©r**

**Ã• gegnum eld-kirkjusiÃ°i meÃ° lagiÃ° mitt.**

**"BandalagsrÃ-kin falla,**

**Kin haust,**

**Svo lÃ-ka, verÃ°ur Ã¾Ãº deyja.**

**Einn hlutur**

**Aldrei deyr;**

**The frÃ¦gÃ° einn hefur unniÃ°,**

**Og verk sem Ã¾eir hafa gert. "**

**HeyriÃ° orÃ° MÃ³Ã°ur-NÃ³tt;**

**"BandalagsrÃ-kin, mun falla,**

**Kin okkar, mun falla,**

**Svo, Ã¾Ãº lÃ-ka, mun einn daginn falla.**

**Ã‰g veit tvÃ¦r sem aldrei falla;**

**MerkiÃ° er Alfa gerir Ã- lÃ-finu."1**

Moonchaser's jaw dropped in surprise and awe as she finished. Everything in the hall had stopped and the Vikings had turned to face Toothless, probably expecting the voice to belong to a Valkyrie.

"Where did you learn that?" Moonchaser asked her, tilting his head.

"All N- When I was six winters old, we began to learn the majority of Colony customs. My father taught me that song..." she explained to him.

"Thank you, that helped." he said to her, finally smiling a bit.

Toothless stood and looked to him, **"Listen, do not worry about the Skrill tonight, we will plan in the morning. Can you do that?" **she asked sympathetically.

Moonchaser sighed and looked into her eyes for a few moments before averting his gaze, casting it aside.

"Yes, I can do tha-" "What are you two Lover Furies **talking** **about?" **Moonchaser was interrupted by Hookfang and the rest of the originals.

Moonchaser froze and Toothless took the liberty of smacking Hookfang in the face with her tail, **"Damnit Hookfang! I already told you we're not!"**

"I wish I could understand dragon babble sometimes..." Hiccup spoke to no-one in particular as he strolled over to the six dragons.

_**"No, you really don't" **_Moonchaser projected at Hiccup, shaking his head at the actions of his 'friends'.

Hiccup laughed, "Well, what're they saying?" Hiccup inquired, looking at the five others that were chortling at Toothless, who had her earplates flattened and was growling angrily, but they paid no heed to her growls.

"Oh, leave her alone, you four!" Hiccup said, and they moved away from Toothless, who padded up to Hiccup and began licking him him.

_**'I don't know, I thought it was kind of funny...' **_Moonchaser mused at her.

Toothless paused her barrage of licks and walked up to the Alpha, an irritated look in her eyes. As she got close, she began to hit at him with her front paws, much the way a cat would do, while barking what Hiccup could only assume were jibes at Moonchaser.

**"You may be my closest friend, but I am still your Alpha!" **he said, evading a paw.

Hiccup intervened, attempting to stop the two before it escalated into an all-out brawl, when thunder boomed outside, causing Toothless to jump.

Many of the Vikings looked to the door and saw the rain begin to pour down, and got up to leave before the brunt of the storm hit.

"I suppose we should all go, huh?" Hiccup asked to the two dragons beside him.

Receiving to huffs of agreement in reply, the three started towards the door and into the rainy night.

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As the trio exited the hall, Moonchaser outstretched his wings just enough to cover Toothless on one side and Hiccup on the other.

"Thanks"/**"Thank you" **the two replied in unison.

After several minutes of walking, the three came upon Hiccup's house.

Bidding Hiccup goodnight, the two Furies ascended to the shelter. Walking inside, Moonchaser began, **"Listen, with what is about to happen, with the Skrill who may or may not be with the Order, it is going to be Hel for me, I'll need some help..." **Moonchaser said, standing still before continuing,** "... I'll need a Beta****.****"**

Toothless was practically bouncing with gratitude. Being selected Beta is one of the highest honors in a dragon community next to being the Alpha's mate or being the Alpha itself.

**"O-Of course! Thank you, I will not let you down." **Toothless said, bowing to him, barely containing her smile before lying down on her rock.

"Good, I know you won't. I will swear you in tomorrow, Beta" Moonchaser said with a smile before laying down on the floor.

Just as the two slipped under the blanket of darkness, thunder boomed and Toothless gave a muffled roar.

Sighing in sympathy, Moonchaser roamed over to her rock and laid himself down next to her. Slipping a wing under her and one over her, concealing all but her tail from the outside world, he rumbled quietly, soothing her and ceasing her trembles.

**"Thank you..." **Toothless trailed off in a whisper.

After a few moments filled only with the occasional rumble of thunder, flash of lighting outside, and the pitter-patter of raindrops on the roof above them, Toothless instinctively rolled and snuggled to the nearest warmth, being Moonchaser, she buried her head into his chest.

Moonchaser froze, but in what, he was not sure. Was it fear, realization, surprise? He had thoughts of Toothless, but whether he wanted it to escalate to such a level now, he did not know. He did not know if Toothless wanted to, either.

_'Best let sleeping Dragons lay, now we _both _have a lot coming'_ he thought as he laid his head down and succumbed to sleep.

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Toothless awoke slowly the next morning.

_'Hmm? Where am I...?' _she thought gingerly.

Opening her eyes to see nothing but darkness and her head pressed against something warm, realization hit her like a mountain.

Stumbling out of the wings that embraced her, facial scales much darker, she looked at Moonchaser who had just woken.

Seeing the embarrassed look on her face, Moonchaser guessed she had awoken first.

Moonchaser went to apologize for the embarrassing situation, **"Sor-" "No, it's fine. Thank you for doing that last night, again****.****" **Toothless cut him off, still a bit emarrassed, while gently butting heads with him in thanks.

"You're welcome**...****" **he relplied, returning the gesture... just as Hiccup walked into the room.

"Uhh, am I interrupting something?" Hiccup asked, staring at the two Furies.

**'Nope, not at all! It was a gesture of thanks.'** Moonchaser said, removing his forehead from Toothless' while she gave a surprised bark.

"Okay... Today we are finalizing the tusk and removing the pulleys.

We will also come up with a plan for Dagur as well" Hiccup informed the two.

**'One of the first things I must do is fully instate Toothless here as my Beta'** Moonchaser told Hiccup, who took notice of Toothless wagging her tail the way she does when she's excited about something.

"Wow, did ya hear that girl?" Hiccup said, exiting the shelter with the two Night Furies.

As the stepped out, they were greeted by Cloudjumper.

"Cloudjumper, I have chosen my Beta. For your final act as second, gather the dragons at the Academy"

"Yes, Alpha**.****" **Cloudjumper said before flying off.

_**'Cloudjumper is gathering the dragons at the Academy, if you would like to join us." **_Moonchaser offered Hiccup.

"Definitely. Let's go, girl!" Hiccup replied, climbing onto Toothless, and taking off with Moonchaser close behind.

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As the trio landed in the ring, they took notice that the majority of Berk's dragon population had gathered, along with many curious riders. Hiccup retreated outside of the ring, where he met up with Astrid, Snotlout, Fishlegs, and the Twins.

"Today, I have chosen my Beta. You **_will**_**regard**** her as you ****regard**** me. You **_**will**_** show her respect, and in turn, she will show you respect"** Moonchaser told all present dragons earning him a collective 'Yes, Alpha' from them.

**"Toothless?" **he called out, casting his gaze to female at his side.

**"Right" **She answered, moving in front of him, facing him.

Moonchaser bent forward, **"I want you as strong as possible. I am going to fill your ****reservoirs**** deep inside you with my own power as the lightning bolt did to me, after I swear you in"** Moonchaser whispered in her ears.

After receiving an affirmative nod, Moonchaser began the Vows of Service.

"Will you assist me in the protection and** help me bring prosperity**** of this Nest, even if it means your life?"**

"Yes, Alpha!"

"Will you lead to serve and serve to lead?"

"Yes, Alpha!"

"Will you walk a fair path, free of prejudice of your kin?"

"Yes, Alpha!"

**"Good. NEST! DO YOU ACCEPT YOUR NEW BETA?" **Moonchaser roared out at the surrounding dragons.

**"Yes, Alpha!" **They shouted in unison, bowing to their new Beta.

"Welcome, Beta**.****"** Moonchaser said to Toothless, who was sitting regally.

At this, Hiccup entered the ring and ran to Toothless.

"Hey, Beta-dragon." Hiccup said proudly.

**'Hiccup, stand back, if you would'** Moonchaser told Hiccup, who retreated several feet.

"Put your head like this**...****" **Moonchaser asked her, putting his head forward. Toothless mirrored him.

**"Good, let's see if this works, it may hurt a bit..." **Moonchaser said, not completely sure if this would work or not.

Mirroring his forehead against hers, their earplates snapped forward making a soft 'click' as the scales hit one another. Moonchaser's markings began to glow brilliantly as he attempted to will his power into her. As he did this, Toothless began to grit her teeth at the sudden pain.

Moonchaser did this for several minutes before falling away from her face.

**"Moonchaser! Are you alright?" **Toothless warbled, sniffing him, concerned. However, when she met his gaze, she was perplexed.

Moonchaser stood with a bright smile on his face, staring at her head and back.

**"I'll be damned, it worked..." **He trailed off, still staring.

As Toothless followed his gaze, she barked in surprise as she saw her spinal fins... which were glowing a brilliant blue.

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><p>SURPRISE! It's Beta-Toothless! Hope you enjoyed it! Here are the translations:

1: ****All whom shall sing to the Alpha,

Into Eternalrest will follow,

When on the path to doom you go,

And this track you tread

Is cold, so cold, so cold.

I sought the Scripts,

I sent the Scripts.

From the deepest well

I shed tears so harsh

From the Alpha's pledge.

All whom shall sing to the Alpha,

Into foreversleep will follow,

When on the path to doom you go,

And this track you tread

Is cold, so cold, so cold.

Early or in end,

We will know if you fall.

Once you stand at the gate to Eternalrest

And when you have to stray,

I shall follow you

Through the Fire-Rites with my song.

"Allies fall,

Kin fall,

So, too, will you die.

One thing

Never dies;

The fame one has earned,

And deeds they have done."

Hear the words of Mother-Night;

"Allies, will fall,

Our Kin, will fall,

So, you too, will one day fall.

I know two that never fall;

The mark an Alpha makes in life."

8. Chapter 8

PLEASE READ! THIS IS IMPORTANT!

Hello Fanfiction! This chapter is late, and a bit short, and the next one will be too. I have no idea when it will be written or published. Here's why:

1- School started. AP classes, yay.

2- ****My buddy got run over last night on his motorcycle, or at least that is what we've gathered. Myself and a friend of mine were only a few blocks away. Hearing the accident, we ran to it, both of us having EMT Training. We were the first ones there, no one had stopped, the road was empty. We found him by a dark corner of the street on the ground, bleeding profusely everywhere and his arm was pinned by his bike. He would have bled to death if we had not been around, no one could see him or his bike in the dark.

She called 911 and I got the bike off him, careful not to move him. His riding suit was shredded and his left side was covered in lacerations and blood, and I couldn't even recognize his left forearm.

We tried to slow the bleeding until an ambulance arrived.

Now he is unconscious in the hospital, and he may or may not keep his lower-left arm. They will have to skin-graft him if he does.

As of now, we think it is a hit and run, due to the tail-section/light missing and back wheel crumpled, yet it is unknown. He has no head injures, thanks to his helmet; which was completely paintless on one side, thank God for it.

I've been by his side since last night. Please, keep Allen in your prayers. He does not have a great support structure at home, but he has friends that treat him like family. Send me a PM if you feel like it and I'll give it to him when he wakes.

Thanks for the support, I love you all, and enjoy the chapter.

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><p>"Words typed like this are dragons talking"

**'Words typed like this are Alpha/Beta Voice projections'**

"Words typed like this are humans speaking"

'Words typed like this are thoughts'

It took Toothless a few moments to fully process what had happened to her.

"W-What did you do?" she exclaimed, still mesmerized by her fins.

"Already told you, remember? I-"

"Yeah, I know, but... **_how?"**_ Toothless asked him in awe.

"I tried, and succeeded, in transferring some of my 'power' to you. It was a complete guess as to whether it would work or not..." He explained.

At this point, Hiccup had moved around Toothless to examine her spinal fins.

"Toothless, what do they do, exactly?" Hiccup inquired.

**"Go on. Try it, you're my Beta now, anyway. Try projecting your voice. Your head will probably hurt for a bit afterwards..." **Moonchaser said to Toothless, as he nudged her.

_**'Hiccup?' **_she tried, and her human gasped with astonishment and smiled happily.

"You did the... thing! Just like him!" Hiccup exclaimed excitedly.

**'HICCUP!'** she roared happily before showering him with licks.

Moonchaser simply watched the two, observing silently as they conversed.

"This is amazing! You sound a bit like mom, too. I have so much to ask you. Like, what can you do with _those_?" Hiccup asked her, gesturing to her spinal fins which were dimming their blue glow.

_**'I am not sure. Moonchaser, how do I... use these?' **_Toothless asked, turning to face him with a curious look on her face.

"You have to feel it inside you, fueling your Life-Fire, enraging it. Feel it and draw it out, focus on it until you feel exponentially stronger. Now be careful your first time, you have less than me to draw on, do not overexert yourself." Moonchaser explained to the curious dragoness.

Closing her eyes, she attempted to find it and draw it out. Feeling her Life-Fire, she caressed it gently with her mind to evoke it. After several minutes, she groaned and released a breath she didn't know she was holding and looked to Moonchaser, who simply responded with, **"Try again."**

Closing her eyes once more, she went silent. After a few moments, her spinal fins erupted in a blue glow as before, running from her snout

to her tailfins. Toothless warbled in joy.

"Good. Remember this, your blasts will be stronger, and you have no limit of them. You will be stronger than you are now, and your overall survivability will increase." Moonchaser elaborated.

"That's amazing. I can feel it... the power, flowing through me..." Toothless stated, closing her eyes and relishing in the feeling.

Moonchaser snarled, _**"Do not**_** abuse this power or use it against your kin unjustly, or I will personally rip it from your Life-Fire. I will kill you. Do you understand?"** Moonchaser told her seriously.

Toothless immediately opened her eyes and stood straight, removing the smile from her face.

"Y-Yes Alpha." Toothless replied slightly fearfully, trying to hide her stammer.

**'Good. There is much that needs to be done today. Hiccup, you said you would hold a war conference?'** Moonchaser inquired.

"Yes, at noon inside the Great Hall. I will talk to Johann, the trader, to estimate an arrival for Dagur." Hiccup said.

**'Good. Oh, and when the attack comes,**** I get the Skrill...**_**'**_ Moonchaser said darkly, before blasting off into the morning sky, leaving Toothless and Hiccup.

"What do you think is going to happen, Toothless?" Hiccup asked his best friend. She shook her head.

**'I am honestly not sure. I'm worried about him...'** Toothless trailed off, earning a questioning gaze from Hiccup that was practically begging for elaboration.

**'He has been through trials that very few can relate to, then forced to endure the consequences. It's all because of the Order of the Dawn. He was on his own...'** She said solemnly, gazing into the sky.

"What is the O-" Toothless cut him off.

**'I've said too much already. If you want to know, ask him. Alright?'** She asked Hiccup, refusing to say any more.

"Okay. Sorry." Hiccup replied.

_**'Hiccup, one more thing. I-I am sorry for what I did to your father...' **_Toothless said sadly as she lowered her head and flattened her ear-plates.

"Toothless, it wasn't your fault. You know that. Come on, let's go..." Hiccup told her before starting off toward the village with his moping dragon close behind.

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><p>Midday had come quickly to the Isle of Berk, and as the Nordic sun beat down, the viking population moved to the Great Hall.<p>

Once everyone was inside, they looked to Hiccup, who stood next to Johann, with the two resident Night Furies on either side of the two.

"As most of you know, Dagur is now in control of his Skrill, and we suspect an attack in the coming days." Hiccup told the crowd of vikings, earning an uproar of mixed voices, which was almost instantly drowned with the roars of two Night Furies.

"We will prepare just as we have any other raid, this time however, we have a powerful Alpha, and his Beta who can order the majority of the dragons during the fight. Moonchaser here will take on the Skrill, as requested." Hiccup explained optimistically.

Moonchaser simply sat and listened to the humans converse as he exchanged glances with Toothless.

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><p>Moonchaser exited the hall followed closely by Toothless. As he went to take off, he was stopped by Toothless, who forcibly stepped on his tailfins.<p>

"Hey. Listen Einar, I want to know what's wrong. Something is bothering you..." She said in a concerned tone, moving to his side.

He sighed, **"It's you I am worried about." **He told her as he looked into her eyes.

_'Me?' _Toothless thought questioningly, yet it appeased her a bit.

"If it is with the Order, it will stop at nothing to kill us, do you understand? It will slaughter mindlessly until he dies, or we do." Moonchaser said. Toothless' eyes widened.

"I understand. Just... promise me **_you**_** won't die, okay?" **Toothless said to him as she pressed her forehead into his shoulder.

Moonchaser froze, **"Y-Yeah, I promise."** He said, shifting slightly as Toothless moved her head from his shoulder slowly.

**"Good." **She said to him, before gracefully launching herself into the afternoon sky, away from a very confused Night Fury.

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><p>When Toothless landed near the Forge, she was approached by Stormfly.<p>

"Hello, Toothless. What's the matter? You lookâ€¦ different."

Toothless sighed, **"I suppose I am just a bit anxious"** Toothless replied.

"I think we all are. How are things with Moonchaser?" Stormfly interrogated with a questioning gaze.

"What do you mean?" Toothless asked.

"I think you know." Stormfly said suggestively.

**"It is not like that..." **Toothless responded quickly.

"Alright, whatever you say... Just think on it..." Stormfly replied cheekily with a smile before she was mounted by Astrid, and the two flew off.

_'I don't think of him that way, __do __I?'_ Toothless asked herself, replaying memories in her head.

'I mean, he is always there for me. We understand each other, he trusted me with his past, and him with mine. Really, we aren't that different. But would I love him... Do I?' She pondered.

Unable to make a decision, she decided a flight with Hiccup would be the best way to clear her mind.

Finding Hiccup in the Forge, she bounced around, but failed to get him out of the metalsmith's shack.

"Toothless, we'll go flying later. Why don't you go fly with Moonchaser for a bit?"

Toothless visibly deflated at her rider's words. Squeezing her way inside, she took the cuff of his leather armor in her mouth and carried him outside, _**'Come on, Hiccup. We're going flying. You have no choice.'**_

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><p>The evening sun hung lazily in the sky, warming all its orange rays touched, teasing the white-capped sea as it began to set. A slight breeze had picked up, cooling Moonchaser's inky black scales as he lounged on a cliff on the outskirts of Berk's forest.<p>

'I mean, I don't love her, I think. She's not afraid of my past, and opened me to hers. She's my only real friend in ages, I don't want to ruin it, as it usually goes on my path... But-' Moonchaser groaned, frustrated with the internal conflict he was having.

'Why didn't my parents teach me this kind of thing when I was younger?'

At the sound of wingbeats, he raised his his gaze to see his Beta standing in front of him along with a young chief.

**'Yes?'** He addressed the two of them in a rather irritated voice.

"Want to join us for an evening meal?" Hiccup asked.

Warbling a reply, Moonchaser stood and stretched his large wingspan and took off, and Toothless and Hiccup followed.

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><p>The three landed outside Hiccup's house, Hiccup unlocked the large front door and stepped inside, followed by the two Night Furies. Hiccup went and lit the fire, before dragging out three barrels of fish, caught that morning.<p>

"Hope you two are hungry." Hiccup mused at the dragons, both delving into the fish as Hiccup prepared his own dinner on the fire-spit.

Finishing his basket, Moonchaser moved to the third basket, earning him a look from Toothless.

**"I'm bigger than you..." **He replied flatly.

"Are you sure that's not what got you like that in the first place?" Toothless jested.

Moonchaser dropped the fish that was in his maw, **"No, I'll tell you later..."** He replied lowly, before stalking over to the fire and lying beside it, filling most available space near it.

Once comfortably curled on his side, his peace was disturbed by a paw pushing at his side.

"Move over, you can't have all the warmth." Moonchaser shifted a bit.

"Not even a terror could fit there... Come on, share with your Beta." Toothless claimed, continuing her light, uneffective shoves.

"Toothless, what are you doing?" Hiccup asked.

**'Trying to get the oversized Night Fury to share the fire.'** Toothless explained.

"Just show him the face you use on everyone else when you want something you shouldn't have. Like extra fish, rope, pinecones from the vendors... which I am still confused about, you just carry them off anyway..." Hiccup mused.

**'It won't work on him, I've tried. I enjoy chasing the round things when they roll. Try it.'**

Hiccup chuckled, "Are you sure Night Furies aren't just big cats with wings?"

**'What the Hel is a cat?'** Moonchaser interrupted, moving to make room for Toothless.

Hiccup burst out laughing, "It is a small furry animal..."

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><p>As the evening drew to a close, the three bid goodnight to each other.<p>

Moonchaser and Toothless ascended the stairs to the shelter, and went to their respective spots, and let the blanket of sleep surround them.

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><p>Toothless awoke to distressed sounds coming from the other side of the shelter late that night.<p>

Groggily opening her eyes, she looked over to where Moonchaser slept and found him asleep, clawing at the wood and making distressed and frightened sounds.

She sighed to herself, stood, and roamed over to him. Moving to his side, she shook him awake. He stood abruptly, panting, he looked at Toothless and took note of her sympathetic expression. He was taken by surprise when she pressed her head against the underside of his and cooed softly, shushing his quiet whimpers.

Lying down next to him, she wrapped her wings around him, not large enough to envelope him, and rumbled quietly in an effort to calm him down.

Resting in her wings as she cooed him to sleep like a hatchling, Moonchaser had a single, warm thought before falling asleep once again.

_'I l__ove her.'_

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><p>That's chapter eight! Please leave a review or PM, thank you for the support.

9. The Real Chapter 9

Hello there! Yes, chapter nine is finally done and my longest chapter yet! I promised someone I'd get it out before noon, so here ya go. Thanks for all the support, anjoy the chapter!

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><p>Toothless awoke steadily, eyes blinking open as she felt warm air on her neck coming from Moonchaser, whom was still asleep. Reluctantly retreating from her warm spot under his wings, she stood slowly, careful not to wake the Alpha. Toothless sighed as she stretched, earning her several satisfying pops.<p>

Stepping onto the stone platform, the ebony-scaled dragoness closed her eyes and took a deep breath of the crisp, dawn air and stretched her wings.

Deciding that it was too early to wake Hiccup, she leapt silently into the pink sky for an early morning flight.

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><p>Moonchaser awoke as a stray beam of golden sunlight peered through the wooden walls of the shelter and onto his eyelids.<p>

Standing and stretching, he opened the doors of the shelter and strolled outside, only to be greeted by Hiccup, who was making his way out of the house.

"Hey Moonchaser, have you seen Toothless anywhere?" Hiccup inquired.

**'Not since last night, no. She is probably on a flight.'** He told Hiccup.

"Alright, thanks. Oh! Before you go, could you give me a ride down to the Forge?" Hiccup asked the Night Fury.

Moonchaser sighed and leapt to the ground below him. _**'Get on.'**_

Hiccup squirmed onto Moonchaser's back, and they were off.

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><p>Landing outside the Forge, Hiccup slid off of Moonchaser's back and stepped inside the Forge.<p>

"Gobber?"

"Ah, hello 'Iccup. How are ye'?" Gobber asked as he finished sharpening a battle axe on the grindstone, setting it on a rack accompanied by a large assortment of other lethal weapons.

"How are the weapons coming?" Hiccup asked as he retrieved a shapeless, red-hot piece of iron out of the Forge and began to hammer it.

"Good. Nice of ye' to finally show up." The senior blacksmith jested as he fastened another weapon onto his prosthetic arm and set it to the grindstone.

"Yeah yeah, I'll get to work on the traps..." Hiccup stated as he retreated into the back-room of the metalsmith's shack.

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><p>Toothless flew high over the white-capped waves of the Nordic Sea, enjoying the calm that came with flight. Seeing the sun had risen above the horizon, she decided to turn back to Berk. However, as she banked, she spotted a glint between the clouds. Deciding to investigate, she broke through the clouds, and her heart jumped into her throat.<p>

Dozens of ships, all armed. Headed straight for Berk.

'Oh no. This is not good...'

Wasting no time, she ascended above the clouds once more and bolted towards Berk.

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><p>As Moonchaser finished catching his breakfast, he raised his gaze to see a black dot headed straight for him, and fast.<p>

Guessing it was Toothless, Moonchaser stood.

Toothless landed heavily and ran to Moonchaser.

"What's wrong?" Moonchaser asked in a concerned tone.

"**No time to explain. Where's Hiccup?!"** Toothless interrogated, exasperated.

"At the Forge." Moonchaser answered her wearily.

"Good, follow me." Toothless told him, before taking off again, followed by Moonchaser.

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><p>'HICCUP!'_ Toothless roared as she and Moonchaser landed sloppily outside the Forge.

Hiccup came running out of the Forge carrying a large ball in his hands.

**'I saw them! Dagur and his armada!'** Toothless explained to the two, exasperated.

All three were silent for a moment.

**'How far were they?'** Moonchaser inquired.

**'Three hour's flight. They'll be here around midday. Hiccup, they had ****dozens**_** of ships.'**_ Toothless replied, turning to Hiccup.

"Gobber! Ready the village, I'll set the mines!" Hiccup shouted.

"Righty 'oh!" Gobber replied as Hiccup entered the back-room of the Forge and emerged with two large knapsacks.

Surrounding vikings began to arm themselves and more flocked towards the Forge for newly-sharpened weapons.

"Come on, girl. We've got a lot to do." Hiccup said as he tied the bags to her saddle, mounted Toothless and took off, followed by Moonchaser.

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><p>The three soared over Berk and into the harbor.<p>

"NO SHIP LEAVES BERK UNTIL I GIVE THE WORD!" Hiccup shouted as they flew over the docks. The vikings on the dock gave a sign of acknowledgement as the Night Fury flew off.

Circling Berk's small harbor, Hiccup reached back into one of the sacks and pulled out a metal sphere with prongs dotting it and dropped it into the water.

**'What are they?'** Toothless asked her rider.

"Explosives. They are full of a mixture of metal shrapnel, Zippleback gas, and Nightmare spit. When one of the prongs are pushed inward by a boat, it pushes a piece of flint against corrugated steel inside the ball, causing it to explode." Hiccup explained, continuing to drop more of the balls into the water.

_**'Won't they float away?' **_Moonchaser asked.

"No, the current is blocked by the sea-stacks on our right. They will stay just where they are." Hiccup explained, pointing to the mass of stone towers.

After an hour of circling the harbor, all of the mines had been dropped in a loose arc-like shape protecting the harbor.

"We're done here. Let's see how everyone else is doing." Hiccup said as the three flew back towards the village.

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><p>"Hiccup! There you are!" Astrid exclaimed as Hiccup, Toothless, and Moonchaser landed near her.<p>

Hiccup walked up to her and pulled her into a quick kiss.

"Our prediction is that the raid will come in two hours, minimum." Hiccup explained, breaking their kiss as he began to explain the in-depth plan. Moonchaser nudged Toothless.

**"Are you ready?" **He asked.

"For what, **_exactly**_**?" **Toothless responded.

**"You're my Beta, remember? You're going to help me explain the plan and organize the dragons." **Moonchaser elaborated.

"Oh. Right, let's go." Toothless replied, as she followed Moonchaser into the sky.

The duo began calling the dragons as they made their way toward the Great Hall.

As they landed, the majority of the dragons had either gathered or followed them there.

**"All of you know about the raid that is expected today. This is the plan. Zipplebacks, once the ships are through the mines, blanket the surface of the water with gas and explode it, repeatedly." **Moonchaser said, gazing upon the dragons.

**"Nadders, Gronckles, and any other shot-type here, your job is to fire at the ships, try to keep them from reaching the docks." **Toothless explained.

**"Changewings, use your camouflage to disable or destroy any ship-mounted weapons. Nightmares, burn down their sails and anyone unfortunate on the deck of the ships. Thunderdrums, sneak below the water's surface and blast the hulls with concussive waves. Be careful not to hit the Changewings or Nightmares. I'll get the Skrill. Are we clear?" **Moonchaser called out.

**"Yes, Alpha." **the assembled crowd replied collectively.

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><p>"Moonchaser?" Toothless asked, poised on the cliff above the Academy overlooking Berk.

"Yes?" Moonchaser answered, raising his head to look at her.

**"How will you know if he is with the Order?" **Toothless questioned.

**"He will have an artificial scar on either the neck or shoulder that resembles a narrowed cross, with six points instead of four, one longer than the rest." **Moonchaser elaborated, turning his gaze back towards Toothless.

"Oh, alright. One more thing... How long were you alone?"

**"The Order came when I was just turning four winters old. Listen to me, Toothless: I'm not who you think I am. There is so much I haven't told you." **Moonchaser admitted somberly, turning his gaze from her.

Toothless sighed quietly, padded up next to Moonchaser and laid her head on his, rumbling softly.

**"My mother always used to say that 'there is no greater pain than bearing the untold story inside you'. If you want to talk, I'm here." **Toothless said as she lifted her head from his.

"I've committed horrible d-"

**"Stop. Just say it. Get it off your mind." **Toothless interrupted.

"I hunted them, Toothless! The Order!" Moonchaser yelled shamefully.

"At only ten winters old I was known as the Phantom of the Eternal Sea, the name of my colony, and at fifteen by a Night Fury colony to the north, Einar the Reaper... At one point I thought I had actually gone insane, not seeing another dragon for a couple years at a time; it was as if the world had simply forgotten me and moved on." Moonchaser concluded sadly.

For a moment, Toothless was at a loss for words.

_'I knew it must've been tough, but nothing like that.' _Toothless thought.

**"You're not alone now, okay? You have a family now, myself and all

of Berk are here for you."** Toothless comforted the large dragon.

After several moments of silence, Moonchaser spoke, **"Thank you, Toothless. Would you like to go for a quick patrol around the island?"** Moonchaser asked her, trying to stray away from the current conversation.

**"Yeah, let's go." **Toothless said as she stood and stretched, before taking off. Moonchaser followed.

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><p>The duo flew beside each other as they banked over the village, and across the harbor.<p>

Suddenly, Moonchaser stopped dead in his tracks, hovering.

Before Toothless could ask why, she saw the black dots on the horizon, dark clouds looming over them.

"Come on, we don't have much time!" Toothless barked as both of them turned and shot off to find Hiccup.

"You find Hiccup, I'll rally the others!" Moonchaser told her.

"Got it." Toothless said before banking away from Moonchaser.

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><p>'HICCUP!'_ Toothless roared out as she landed in the village.

Hiccup came bounding out of the forge, looking to Toothless.

**'Moonchaser and I saw the armada on a patrol, they'll be here a-' **

"SHIPS ON THE HORIZON! TO ARMS!" A viking yelled, the call being passed from post to post.

"Okay girl, let's go." Hiccup said, mounting up on Toothless.

As Hiccup and Toothless flew up and over the village, they noticed dragons seeking out their riders and Moonchaser barking orders.

Hiccup turned and looked towards the harbor, and saw dozens of ships nearing the semi-circle of sea-mines.

"Time to go." Hiccup said as he patted Toothless' head.

"Stay safe." Toothless said to Moonchaser, before banking away.

**"You too." **He replied before he shot upwards, disappearing into the dark clouds that had finally reached Berk.

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><p>Hiccup counted thirty ships in all. Mainly regular armed longships. From where Hiccup was, he could clearly see the Skrill, harnessed and fastened to the deck of the flagship. By this time, the riders had formed a semicircle in the sky, waiting to attack. After several tense moments the first wave of twelve ships began to move into the harbor. Suddenly, a series of loud explosions rang out, and over half the ships had exploded.<p>

That was the signal. Every dragon began to fire upon the ships as the entire fleet began to advance into the harbor, splinters of wood began to fly between ships as more of them began to collide with the mines or were blasted from beneath by Thunderdrums. The harbor's atmosphere was quickly filled with bolas, arrows and dragonfire as the Berserkers began their full-frontal assault on Berk.

Shouts rang out between ships as they attempted to coordinate ship positions.

"Toothless! Where is Moonchaser?" Hiccup called out to his dragon, confused as to why he had not joined the defense.

**'Waiting...'** She replied, evading a bola that flew her way.

"For what, exactly?" Hiccup asked.

Before Toothless could answer, the Skrill was released from its hold and flew upwards into the sky, hovering over the ships, connected by a large rope that served as a leash.

Lightning began to flicker around the Skrill in brilliant arcs of electricity as he drew energy from the stormclouds surrounding the isle, causing the restraining ropes to burn up, he was free.

"Toothless, move!" Hiccup shouted as the Skrill took aim at her.

Performing an immelman, Toothless looped and whirred away from the Skrill, who followed.

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><p>(Heads up, some gore and language ahead)

Moonchaser waited, concealed by the clouds, observing as the battle unfolded below him.

Then, he saw the Skrill break free and shoot after Toothless.

_'Oh no...' _He thought. His markings began to glow as he dove through the clouds at the speed of lightning.

Hearing the whistle of a Night Fury's dive, many Berserkers sought shelter under their shields and looked to the sky with fear.

Moonchaser began to build up a blast in his throat as he neared the Skrill, before releasing the powerful charge straight into the back of the Skrill.

Just a moment later, the green ball impacted the back of the Skrill with a deafening explosion, followed by an audible crackling sound and a harsh wail as the bones in his wings were instantly shattered. At the sound, every head, viking or dragon, turned their gazes upwards to see the Skrill plummet through the sky, wings fluttering uselessly behind him, and onto a grassy cliff overlooking the harbor.

Terrified calls of "Retreat" and "Another one!" echoed around the harbor as Moonchaser descended to the Skrill, showing himself for the first time, markings upon his back, wings and head alight.

Seeing what was left of the Berserker ships retreat, Toothless turned her attention to Moonchaser, who had just landed near the Skrill.

**"N-Night Fury bastard..." **The Skrill spat out, standing with his wings draped limply beside him, flooding with blood.

**"SHUT YOUR FUCKING MOUTH, YOU ORDER PIECE OF SHIT!" **Moonchaser roared at the Skrill as he slammed his tail into the Skrill's side after he spotted the Order of the Dawn's mark seared to his shoulder.

The Skrill simply snarled in return, and lunged forward violently and attempted to bite Moonchaser's throat. Moonchaser jumped to the side as he tried to evade the Skrill's jaw, but failed and the ivory teeth sunk deep into his shoulder. Moonchaser roared out in pain and raked his claws across the Skrill's face in retaliation, successfully freeing himself from the Skrill's jaws. Fueled by rage, Moonchaser's marks glowed brilliantly once more as he pounced forward, powering through the searing pain that erupted from his shoulder. The Skrill wailed in agony as Moonchaser's jaw locked squarely onto the his left wing. Moonchaser quickly released a blast and exploded the joint. The Skrill fell to his side, screaming in pain as blood began to gush from where his wing once was.

Moonchaser quickly recovered and stalked over to the Skrill, pupils constricted into predatory slits. He paid no heed to the crowd that had gathered at a considerable distance.

Toothless could only watch in surprised confusion as the fight unfolded, respecting Moonchaser's command.

**"What are they planning in the East?"** Moonchaser asked in a low, dangerous whisper.

Getting incoherent mumbling as his only reply, Moonchaser realized he didn't have much time before the Skrill bled out.

_'Better work quickly then...' _ Moonchaser thought darkly, before raising a clawed paw and slamming the claws into the Skrill's chest.

The Skrill's eyes shot open. **"WHAT ARE THEY PLANNING IN THE EAST?!" **Moonchaser roared at the Skrill, who began

chuckling.

**"E-Extermination. F-First one i-in seventeen y-years-." **The Skrill choked out, coughing up small amounts of blood with each word.

"_**No... **_**I WON'T LET YOU! NOT AGAIN!"** Moonchaser boomed as he slashed at the Skrill in hatred. The Skrill growled lowly, but he went silent with realization.

**"N-Now I know w-who you are. THAT L-LITTLE HATCHLING FROM THE F-FIRST EXT-EXTERMINATION! The g-green. It fi-fits, EINAR THE R-REAPER!" **The Skrill roared manically, and then descended into a coughing fit, any surrounding dragon instantly flinched from the infamous title.

**"WHERE?!" **Moonchaser roared hatefully, tears welling up, to which the Skrill began a bloody chuckle once more.

"I SAID **_WHERE**_**?!" **Moonchaser yelled again, as he quickly blew white fire over his claws, and slammed them back into the Skrill with a twisting motion.

"T-The Frac-tured W-Woodland..." The Skrill managed to say in a quiet, pained voice, squealing in agony.

_'Brotnum skÃ³glendi? Why there?' _Moonchaser thought.

**"When?"** Moonchaser interrogated, clenching his teeth.

**"T-Two moon c-cycles from n-now..." **The Skrill coughed out.

Moonchaser did not respond, and after a few tense moments, he reached forward and swiftly snapped the Skrill's neck.

Suddenly, rain began to fall, extinguishing the small fires around Moonchaser.

Seeing the Skrill pass, Toothless landed cautiously several feet from Moonchaser and lowered herself to the ground. Taking the hint, Hiccup dismounted.

"Einar?" She called softly.

Moonchaser slowly turned to face Toothless, blood splayed across his maw, painting his claws and front, blood dripping from the gash on his shoulder down the tips of his claws, forming a small puddle amongst the dirt and raindrops as he held his injured leg off the ground, teeth glinting with a crimson shine.

A shocked gasp escaped her mouth, one which she instantly regretted.

"Don't you see? This is the me I warned you about, this is why I told you to keep quiet about my name. This... This is the real me... **_Einar the Reaper." **_Moonchaser finished with a whisper, casting his gaze downward in shame.

Toothless padded up to him slowly, **"I know for a fact that's wrong.

The Einar I know is intelligent and understanding. The Einar I know is a protector and an Alpha, **_**not**_** some soul-less murderer. None of your enemies know the real you, they only know an enemy. You think we can only see that small part of you, but we can't. We can only see the real you. I can only see the real you." **Toothless finished. Moonchaser looked back to her as the light drizzle began to clean his blood-stained scales.

**"Come on, let's get you taken care of. Think you can fly to the Cove?" **Toothless asked, gesturing to the long, deep gash on his shoulder.

**"Yes." **Moonchaser replied quietly.

**'I will return in an hour, Hiccup.'** Toothless said before she took flight.

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><p>By the time the two had reached the Cove, both dragons were soaked by rain.<p>

"Looks like the majority of the blood has washed off." Toothless commented, leading Moonchaser under an overhang and out of the rain.

"Come here, let me see your shoulder." Toothless said to Moonchaser, as she moved to his side.

"It's still bleeding, I'll need to clean it before I cauterize it." She said.

Moonchaser gave a startled jolt as Toothless moved her head downward and began to tenderly lick the wound clean.

"How did you think I was going to clean it?" She asked rhetorically as she paused for a moment.

Moonchaser sighed and stood still as he allowed her to finish, wincing every once in a while.

_'How the Hel am I going to tell her that I need to leave? We've grown close, and I'm just going to rip it apart...' _Moonchaser thought as he looked at Toothless.

After several silent moments, Toothless paused her care and put her paw on his shoulder, signaling him to lie down.

"I'm fine, just do it." Moonchaser told her.

"Alright. Ready?" She inquired.

Moonchaser silently nodded. Moonchaser growled lowly as Toothless blew a stream of flame along his wound, searing the unscaled flesh, inside the fissure, sealing it.

Once finished, Toothless inspected her work.

"You'll be fine, just don't reopen it." She told him seriously.

"How did you know to do that?" Moonchaser spoke for the second time since they had arrived at the Cove, genuinely curious.

"My mother was a healer for our colony, I remember seeing her do it a few times. I'm a fast-learner." Toothless explained.

"Toothless. I-I have to leave." Moonchaser said suddenly.

"Oh, to d-"

"No, I mean **_leave, **_**leave**_**.**_** I have something I need to do."** Moonchaser admitted.

Toothless' heart sank like a rock.

**"What? Why?" **Toothless interrogated, torn between being angry or depressed.

"Toothless, I-I just need to..."

**"Please! Just... Please don't leave." **Toothless shouted suddenly as her eyes began to well up.

Moonchaser was taken back at her sudden behavior.

"Why? Why do you want me to stay?" Moonchaser asked while he silently pleaded for a reply.

"B-Because... I love you, Einar! You're the only dragon I've loved in twelve **_years**_**... Please, I lost my family, I can't lose you too..."** Toothless spoke as she raised her gaze and looked deeply into Moonchaser's wide, forest-green eyes.

After a moment of silence, Moonchaser spoke, **"I-I love you, t-too, Toothless."** He stuttered and gently nuzzled the side of Toothless' head.

Toothless released a breath she didn't realize she was holding, and returned the gesture with a loud purr.

"Pleaseâ€¦ just... promise you won't ever leave. That you won't leave **_me.**_**" **Toothless said to Moonchaser as she ran her head down his neck, pressed her forehead into his chest and closed her eyes.

**"Okay, I promise." **Moonchaser reassured her as he gently nuzzled the back of her head, before he whispered quietly to her.

Toothless stepped back with a light chuckle and licked at the underside of his head. Soon, both lovers became lost in a world of their own, concealed by _their_ Cove and sheltered from the cold, autumn rain.

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><p>"Hey, Astrid. Have you seen Toothless or Moonchaser anywhere since the raid?" Hiccup asked, concerned as he swallowed a mouthful of chicken.<p>

"No, I haven't. Don't worry, I'm sure they're fine. They _are _Night Furies." Astrid told him, setting her mug down across the table from Hiccup.

"Yeah, you're right." He said to her.

"Want me to give you a ride home on Stormfly after dinner?"

"Yeah, sounds great. Thanks."

"You're welcome, babe." Astrid replied, to which Hiccup chuckled the same way he always did when she called him that.

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><p>Moonchaser awoke the next morning as his mate stirred beside him. Moonchaser played the word in his head over and over, yet he still seemed to be unable to believe it. Mate.

A slight breeze coursed through the trees that bordered the lip of the Cove and disturbed the shadows they cast, sunlight spilling upon Toothless' face.

Toothless groaned lightly and rolled over, burying her head under her lover's wings and into his chest as she purred quietly.

Moonchaser chuckled to himself as Toothless poked her head out from between Moonchaser's wings and have his neck a light lick.

"Good morning to you too. Sleep well?" He greeted as he returned the gesture.

**"Mhmm, of course I did. However, as much as I'd like to stay here, ****we need to return to the village." **Toothless replied as she stepped out of his wings and stretched.

"True. Let's eat before we leave." Moonchaser said as he padded towards the pond followed by Toothless.

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><p>After their breakfast, Moonchaser spoke first, "Toothless, I suggest you say goodbye to Hiccup for several days." Moonchaser said as he walked up to her.

**"Why?" **Toothless asked.

**"I still need to stop the... Extermination... from happening in two moon-cycles. The same thing that happened to my colony will happen to another if I don't warn them. I can't let that happen." **He elaborated.

"You promised you wouldn't leave me." Toothless stated.

**"Which is why you're coming with me. I may need some backup. Hiccup, however, can not." **Moonchaser explained. Toothless' eyes widened.

**"Oh..." **

**"I'm sorry. It's too much of a risk if we haven't established any kind of relationship with the colony." **Moonchaser concluded.

"Okay. I'll talk to him..."

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><p>"Toothless? What is your Nightspeak name?" Moonchaser called out curiously as they flew towards the village.

"EydÃ-s. It's derived from the Old Form meaning 'island goddess'. Einar is derived from the Old Form too, you know, meaning 'loner, warrior'." Toothless responded with a smile.

"It's beautiful. And, I did not know that. Thank you."

The two ceased their conversation as Berk came into sight. The Skrill's body was gone and the docks were being repaired... again.

"Hiccup might be at the Forge, come on." Toothless said as they landed and lead Moonchaser down a path.

**'Hiccup?'** Toothless called out as they reached the forge. Several seconds later, Hiccup strolled out of the small building.

"Hey Toothless, you're finally b- Ohhh, I see." Hiccup said as he took notice of the two dragon's lack of space between each other, Moonchaser's tail over Toothless'. He wiggled his eyebrows, and Toothless rolled her eyes.

"You two are mates?" Hiccup asked excitedly, Toothless gave a silent nod.

"That's awesome, girl!" Hiccup exclaimed, hugging Toothless.

**'Thanks, Hiccup.'** She replied sincerely.

**'Listen, Hiccup. Toothless and I will be leaving for several days. You cannot come with us, I am afraid.' **

"Why?" Hiccup asked, unsatisfied.

**'What happened to my colony... May happen to another, if I don't work quickly.'**

"What happened to your colony? There are more out there? More Night Furies?"

Moonchaser glanced around, seeing several curious dragons trying to inconspicously listen in.

**'Follow me.'** He said, before he took off in the direction of the great hall.

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><p>Once inside, the three went to the rear of the hall. Hiccup pulled up a chair as Toothless and Moonchaser laid beside one another.<p>

Toothless began, _**'Long ago, a sort of rivalry erected itself between Skrills and Night Furies, occasionally boiling over into conflict. Two instances stand out, however. The first was The Eternal Attrition. A war started between our species roughly thirteen-hundred years ago. No one is sure how, or what the war was for. The reason it was called the 'Eternal Attrition' is due to the fact that it was a war that had no goal, it was simply kill the enemy, it was attrition. As for the 'Eternal' piece, is simply our species population. I've heard stories that esay that our kind wereas common as a gronkle. After the war, both sides suffered heavy losses, something that we may never recover from. That, coupled with the fact that Night Furies do not have a mating season and can mate year-round, but that we mate for life out of choice and mutual love for one another, we are not as instict driven as other dragons are. Females also mature at twenty-one, I will be fully matured this winter, and only lay one to two eggs per clutch, one clutch only every five years. This is very different from other species, such as nadders which can lay four to eight eggs per clutch, per year.' **_Toothless explained.

"W-Wow, no wonder you're rare."

After a moment, Moonchaser began; _**'The second, and most recent event, was the 'Burning of The Eternal Sea', my colony, by the Order of the Dawn; an extremist order of Skrills that seek the extiction of Night Furies. Seventeen years ago, when I was just four winters old, the Order came to my colony on a peaceful 'territory negotiation', that would either allow or prohibit both from hunting on one another's terrtiory. It was a trick, once they were inside the colony, th-they began to s-slaughter ev-everyone. I watched as my entire colony, my friends, and my family w-were murdered infront of m-me. I was the only one to survive. That was the Order's first act. And now, they plan to do it again. The better part of my life has been devoted to taking down the Order in any possible way, assassinating higher-ups or simply hunting them down, earning me the title 'Einar the Reaper', one I am not proud of. We are going to warn the colony and if need be, fend off the Order's assult.'**_ Moonchaser concluded.

"I-I had no idea. I'm sorry, Moonchaser... That Skrill yesterday, was he...?"

**'Yes.'**

"When will you two be leaving?" Hiccup asked, dispaired.

**'Sometime in the next few days. My shoulder needs to heal some more and I need to tell Cloudjumper he will be acting-Alpha.'** Moonchaser explained.

"Okay. I undrrstand. Thank you, both of you. However, I need to go check on the docks." Hiccup said, before he stood and walked out of the hall.

"Hey, are you doing alright? Are you sure you're up to this?" Toothless asked, concerned.

**"Yeah, I'm just, on edge. Even if I wasn't, I don't have a choice." **Moonchaser replied, curling his tail around Toothless at his side.

"I understand. Don't worry, it'll be fine." Toothless told him, as she slipped under his wing, allowing Moonchaser to curl around her in a warm, protective embrace.

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><p>Several hours later, Moonchaser and Toothless found themselves on the cliff above the Academy.<p>

"Einar, you still haven't told me where we are going." Toothless asked.

"A colony to the east; Brotnum skÃ³glendi." He explained.

Toothless felt like as if a mountain had fallen on top of her.

"Something wrong?"

**"T-That's my... My old colony. The Q-Queen had wiped its location from my mind..." **Toothless said slowly, eyes wide like dinner-plates.

**"A-And you're positive?!" **Toothless exclaimed, turning to Moonchaser with hopeful eyes.

**"Yes. I am." **Moonchaser said confidently.

Toothless slammed into Moonchaser with such force that he was knocked on his side, trapped in her embrace and incessant nuzzling.

**"Thank you, Einar. I-I love you, so much." **Toothless exclaimed as tears of joy flowed freely from her eyes.

"I love you too, EydÃ-s. Looks like you get to see your family again." Moonchaser said to her hopefully, returning the embrace.

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><p>Hey! So there's chapter nine, hope you liked it! Please do RR!**

10. Chapter 10

Hello there! Here is chapter 10, although it is not as big as chapter nine, A LOT of important stuff happens. I am writing chapter 11 right now, so that will probably be up by Saturday.

Please please please take a look at my AN at the end of the chapter when you are finished, I have a question for all of you!

YAY, SHOUTOUTS! (Starting chapter eleven, I'll be listing actual names and such)

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Last but not least, Allen's surgeries have gone well and he is doing better. Enjoy!

~Moonchaser

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><p>Toothless' joyous vibe was still evident as she and Moonchaser returned from a late-afternoon flight, seeking out Cloudjumper. After circling Berk, Toothless spotted him with Valka, near the dragon stables.<p>

"They're by the stables." Toothless called to Moonchaser. He nodded and they dove towards the stables.

"Cloudjumper!" Moonchaser called, he and Toothless landing inside.

**"Yes, Alpha?" **Cloudjumper replied.

"Toothless and I will be leaving very soon. In our absence, you will be acting as Alpha." Moonchaser ordered.

"Really? Where are you going, this **_is **_**very sudden, and-"**

**"Will you do it?" **Moonchaser asked sternly.

"**I would be honored, Alpha." **Cloudjumper replied as he bowed his head.

"Good. That is all." Moonchaser declared, before he turned and flew out of the hangar, quickly followed by Toothless.

"Einar, how's your shoulder?" Toothless asked in a concerned tone.

"Better. Other than the occasional pain, it's fine. Thanks for the concern, Toothless." He responded sincerely.

**"You're welcome. Want to grab an evening meal?" **She warbled to him, earplates perked in interest.

"Yeah, sure. **_I'll**_** catch them this time."** Moonchaser responded, a grin graced his face before banking towards the sea, leaving Toothless to herself in the sky.

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><p>Upon returning with their meal, Moonchaser noticed Toothless

conversing with Stormfly, Meatlug, Barf, Belch, and Hookfang below him and grinned slightly.<p>

Toothless warbled a greeting and padded up to Moonchaser as he landed near her. The jaws of the other four present dropped open as Moonchaser transferred four large, silver-scaled fish from his maw into Toothless' and nuzzled her head lightly.

Seeing the looks of shock on their faces, Moonchaser turned to them.

"That's right, we're mates now." He said matter-of-factly.

After a few moments of silence, Stormfly spoke, **"That's wonderful! I am happy for you both, glad Toothless finally found someone."**

"So Toothless..." Stormfly began, moving towards Toothless. **"**_**When are you two going to have some hatchlings?"**_ She teased her friend.

Toothless sighed after finishing the fish her mate provided her.

"Well, **_Stormfly,**_** I am 21, fully matured. But Toothless won't be until this winter."** Moonchaser explained for Toothless.

"Thank you Moonchaser." Toothless said to him.

"Alpha, is it true? Are you really 'Einar the Reaper'?" Hookfang interjected nervously, silencing everyone.

"Yes, Hookfang. I am." Moonchaser sighed, fearing the repercussions that might come of it.

"Okay. I want you to know, this doesn't impact our fealty to you." Hookfang said, earning nods from Stormfly, Barf, Belch, and Meatlug.

"I am glad. Thank you." Moonchaser replied, thankful that it wouldn't change anything.

Toothless' earplates perked upwards as Hiccup came around the corner of a house.

"Hey girl, want to go for a flight?" Hiccup asked, scratching under Toothless' chin.

**'Of course.'** Toothless happily replied.

"Einar, I'll be back later." She stated, giving him a quick lick on his cheek.

"Alright, I'll see you soon." He acknowledged, returning the loving gesture.

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><p>Toothless and Hiccup returned just after sunset, a dark orange

still blanketed the horizon. The two flew over the village and landed near the front of Hiccup's house.<p>

Seeing no sign of Moonchaser, Toothless ascended to the shelter and found that it was empty.

'Where'd he go?' She asked herself, before entering the interior of Hiccup's house, and lying next to Hiccup.

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><p>Moonchaser left for the beaches on the far end of the isle as the sun concluded it's downward crawl across the sky.<p>

"I'm here. You can come out now, Hakan." Moonchaser called, landing on the soft sand.

After a few moments, a midnight blue Skrill emerged from the dense forest bordering the beach.

"Ah, Einar. And here I thought I would never speak with you. After you said you needed to go north once more." Hakan spoke in a gravelly voice.

**"Oh, don't be so pessimistic, my favorite Orderling. I told you more than just 'I'm going north'." **Moonchaser retorted with a chuckle.

"Don't call me that... Let's cut to the chase, shall we? I have some very important info for you." He said.

"Like what?" Moonchaser pressed.

"The Night's Vanguard, your Nightfurian elite guard, were to be stationed at Moongate Isle at the time of the attack seventeen years ago. I heard from one of my superiors that the Order had the king of another Night Fury colony request the Guard's presence just before the attack. Not sure why they were still talking about it." Hakan explained.

"You've got to be shitting me..._** Who, and what colony?"**_ Moonchaser asked lowly.

**"SakarÃ-as the Overwatcher, Kell to the Fractured Woodland." **Hakan replied calmly.

**"Last time I was there, he was still in power... perfect. I trust that the Order still does not know my location?" **Moonchaser inquired.

**"No, but they're searching high and low. You're the biggest threat to them now and have managed to stay out of reach for the last eight years. The higher-ups are getting frustrated." **Hakan replied confidently.

"Good."

"I suppose your new **_friend**_** is the reason you're going to that place?" **Hakan inquired.

Moonchaser chuckled, **"Not entirely. See, now I have a heretic to de-throne."**

**"Good luck. I will come to you if anything arises." **Hakan responded.

"Thank you, Hakan. I can't tell you how helpful you've been. Oh, and if you find out any of your superiors will be around, let me know so I can..._** take care of them**_**. If anything comes up, you know where to find me. Stay safe."** Moonchaser expressed.

"As always, **_brother**_**."** He concluded with a smirk, launching moments later into the night.

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><p>Toothless raised her head at the sound of a 'thump' coming from the shelter. Standing slowly, she padded out of Hiccup's dark bedroom, leaving him to sleep by himself.<p>

As she entered the shelter, she was greeted by Moonchaser.

"Where were you?" Toothless inquired.

"Out on a flight." Moonchaser lied, heating their stone slab before lying down on it.

Toothless immediately picked up on the anxious expression plastered to his face.

"Hey, what's the matter? You seem stressed." Toothless asked in a concerned tone, slinking in between Moonchaser's wings.

"We need to leave. **_Tomorrow morning.**_**"** He replied.

"Why? Are you sure?"

"Yes. Please just... trust me here. Okay?"

**"Of course I trust you." **She replied, pressing her head into her mate's chest.

**"I'll say goodbye to Hiccup in the morning." **She finished.

After a few moments of silence, Moonchaser spoke, **"Toothless?"**

"Yes?"

**"I'm sorry, for taking you away from Berk, your friends, and your rider even for just a few days." **Moonchaser lamented.

**"It's okay. I've been away for longer before. And hopefully I will get to see my family once again. Thank you." **Toothless admitted, licking his neck.

**"You're welcome. I love you, EdyÃ-s." **He elated, pulling her into a close embrace with his forepaws and eliciting a purr from Toothless.

**"I love you too, Einar." **Toothless replied before both were soon asleep.

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><p>Moonchaser awoke early the next morning. He stood slowly as to not wake the sleeping dragoness beside him and stretched with a wide yawn. Moonchaser prodded open one of the shelter doors and poked his head out into the dark-blue sky. The Alpha narrowed his eyes as he looked out onto the pre-dawn horizon.<p>

Moonchaser decided that it was time for an early start to their travels. He pulled his head back inside and walked to Toothless. He gave a happy sigh as Toothless immediately snuggled to him and purred quietly into his chest as he laid down next to her once more.

Toothless groaned and sleepily opened her eyes as Moonchaser leaned forward and ruffled one of her earplates with his snout.

"Time to go." Moonchaser told her quietly.

"Okay... I'll go say goodbye to Hiccup." Toothless said solemnly as her eyes focused to her surroundings.

Moonchaser remained silent as she slowly stood and stalked into the interior of Hiccup's house.

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><p>Toothless crept onto Hiccup's room and nosed him softly, rousing him from his slumber.<p>

"Toothless, I'm trying to sleep." Hiccup rolled over.

**'Moonchaser and I must leave early, actually now.'** Toothless told her rider sadly. That got him to sit up.

"Why so early?"

**'Moonchaser wouldn't say. Listen, I am going to miss you while I'm away.'** Toothless crooned.

"I'll miss you too, girl. Hey, since I can't come, go find some Night Furies for me, okay?" Hiccup asked with a chuckle. He rubbed his eyes.

**'Okay. I love you, Hiccup.' **

"I love you too, girl." Hiccup said as he hugged her head. After a few still moments, Toothless pulled away.

**'Ready?'** The two turned their heads to the door to see Moonchaser standing there.

**'Yes. Goodbye, Hiccup. I will return in a few days, don't worry.'** Toothless said before she disappeared through the door leaving Moonchaser at the frame.

"Keep her safe." Hiccup proclaimed Moonchaser.

The Alpha's only reply was a silent nod before he vanished from the doorframe.

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><p>The Alpha and Beta pair stood on the stone platform of the shelter as they took a moment to look back at their home before their journey.<p>

"EydÃ-s, we'll be flying nearly non-stop for the majority of the journey. We want to make it there in one day, so we'll be soaring fast. Please let me know if we need to rest, you have less to draw on than me, alright?" Moonchaser informed her.

"I can do that. What **_I'm **_**worried about is your shoulder, I would rather not have to seal it again..." **Toothless trailed off,looking to her mate.

**"I'll be fine, don't worry." **He replied.

Noting her fallen face, Moonchaser gently licked the crook of her neck.

**"We'll be back, remember that." **Moonchaser said to her softly.

"Yeah, we will." Toothless said smiling a bit, her voice laced with confidence.

**"Where do we go from here?" **Toothless inquired after several moments of silence.

"East." Moonchaser said simply before he fully unfurled his large, bat-like wings and his marks began to glow.

Toothless quickly copied his actions and ignited her spinal fins, blue shining from snout to tail-tip. Then, with a violent downward beat of their wings, the duo shot into the sky with a deafening boom.

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><p>After ten hours of flight, Toothless and Moonchaser were coursing swiftly through the afternoon sky when Toothless noticed a disturbance in the fluffy, white blanket of clouds beside her.<p>

"Ein-"

**"I know. It's the Night's Vanguard. They've been tailing us for a short while now." **Moonchaser explained.

A moment later, one by one, four Night Furies ascended from their cloud-cover beside Moonchaser and Toothless.

"Very observant of you, **_Phantom. **_**It's been awhile since I've laid eyes on you."** Spoke a midnight-blue Night Fury on Moonchaser's side.

_**'Good evening to you too, VÃ¡sak the Guardian.' **_Moonchaser projected.

"Y-You're an Alph-" VÃ¡sak stuttered.

**"It's alright." **Moonchaser informed VÃ¡sak.

"Well, I suppose you've come to Brotnum SkÃ³glendi for a personal reason, so let's land and discuss your visit_**.**_**"** VÃ¡sak told Moonchaser, regaining his composure.

The six of them plunged through the blanket of clouds, revealing a large island adorned with cliffs on all sides, surrounded by a jagged, black reef, topped in an enormous pine forest. If it weren't for their escort, Toothless probably would have exploded with glee at the sight of her old home.

**"Follow us. It's time you meet our Kell, SakarÃ-as." **VÃ¡sak told them.

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><p>Toothless deeply inhaled the cool, crisp air as they soared over the tall pines. She couldn't help but relish in the familiar feeling.<p>

VÃ¡sak hovered a small distance from a arch-like formation of rock, coated in green moss and lichen. Two Night Furies were positioned in front of the entrance, both their eyes trained on Moonchaser as they approached. VÃ¡sak dismissed them before entering the cave situated on a large overhang, followed by the rest of them.

The six of them stepped past the mouth of the cave and into an open room lit by a small crag in the ceiling. Then, a jet-black Night Fury entered. VÃ¡sak went to tell him something, but was waved off, and padded outside.

"So. You must be the Phantom..." SakarÃ-as said as he curiously eyed Moonchaser.

**'Do not call me that.'** Moonchaser projected at him loudly, actively trying to keep himself from incinerating the heretic.

SakarÃ-as faltered slightly at the projection.

**"Very rarely do our kind succumb to an Alpha's influence..." **Toothless hung her head in shame at SakarÃ-as' comment.

**"...Let alone bow to one... Unless he is one of our kind. So, Alpha, I would be honored to have you here in your stay. If I may ask, what is the purpose of your visit?" **He finished with a bow, followed by the other six Night Furies in the large cavern.

"For truth and reconciliation..." Moonchaser trailed lowly.

SakarÃ-as raised his head. Deciding against pushing the Alpha for information, he spoke to Toothless, **"And who are you?" **He asked

as he looked past Moonchaser.

"I am his mate and Beta, EdyÃ-s." Toothless spoke eloquently.

"A pleasure to have you both. I'm sure you will be able to find shel-" SakarÃ-as said before he was interrupted as a sleek, dark-blue female that emerged from a deeper chamber in the cavern.

"EdyÃ-s? It can't be... you're not... Ferinr and Cira's daughter, are you?" the dragoness asked curiously.

Toothless' eyes immediately lit up.

"Y-Yes, I am! Where can I find them? Are they still alive? Wh-"

The female let out a happy chortle of laughter.** "Calm down, Beta. Yes, your parents are still very much alive. However, your mother is currently out on a hunting party, and your father is on patrol. Both will return at sunset. Go on, find a place to rest yourselves, and at sunset, return to the Clearing. You remember where it is, don't you?"** She asked happily.

"Of course I do! Thank you, so much. What could I d-"

"No need. I am just elated that a lost member of our colony has returned. Oh, and, **_good luck with Amir.**_**"** She declared, stalking deeper into the dwelling, followed by SakarÃ-as.

"Come on!" Toothless joyously conveyed, taking Moonchaser's tail in her mouth and tugging it.

**"Don't be a hatchling, I'm coming." **Moonchaser chortled,wrestling back the control of his tail and following his mate out of the cavern.

"Too late!" Toothless replied giddily.

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><p>The duo glided through the forest of titanic trees with curious eyes watching them from individual dwellings burrowed into the massive trunks.<p>

As they flew deeper into the forest, Toothless spotted an empty dwelling in the trunk of an enormous tree.

Moonchaser froze in awe as they landed inside, dumbstruck by the actual size of the dwelling.

Toothless, being familiar with this, inspected their temporary home.

"It's warm and the wood is worn and soft." Toothless said as she gently kneaded the wood with her paws. Moonchaser hummed in agreement.

**"... And it is large enough to accommodate you as well, Mr.

giant."** Toothless jested her large Alpha.

"Would you prefer that I choose another dwelling?" He joked back as he slowly padded toward the mouth of their wooden cavern.

"Oh, I don't think that's necessary..." Toothless said as she playfully thrashed at him with her tail.

"Oh, so you want to play do you?" Moonchaser said with a mock challenging tone before he pounced at her.

Toothless sprung to the side and jumped into his flank, rolling him over. She lightly pinned him with her paws, before an idea came to mind.

"H-Oomph. Get, off of, me!" Moonchaser said exasperatedly after Toothless simply collapsed straight down onto him.

"Not happening." She said with a smug smile as she laid on top of him, effectively pinning the large dragon.

After a few silent moments, Moonchaser admitted his defeat. **"Fine. You win."**

"Yes I do." She replied, before swiftly rolling off of him. However, she wasn't quick enough as she was tightly ensnared by Moonchaser's wings.

"Mine. Stay." He smugly ordered Toothless who futilely tried to escape his winged embrace, before giving up on escaping his trap.

**"I hate you." **Came her muffled reply as she relaxed into his embrace.

"Mm-hmm, keep telling yourself that, because **_I love you.**_**" **Moonchaser retorted with a chortle as he nuzzled her head.

"You're hopeless..." Toothless said as she attempted to evade his nuzzles.

"And you're mine." He told her.

"And you're **_mine.**_**"** She replied, giving in and returning the gesture.

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><p>As soon as an orange tint masked the sky, Toothless practically jumped onto Moonchaser.<p>

"Get UP, get UP, get **_UP**_**! We have to go to the clearing!" **She warbled impatiently in elation as she pawed at her mate.

"Okay, okay! Just try not to kill me before we get there!" He teased as he stretched and flew out of the dwelling.

Taking flight from the massive tree, Moonchaser followed Toothless

through the forest.

The large Alpha male followed his mate through what seemed to be an endless maze of gigantic trees. As they continued on, Moonchaser felt the curious eyes of several Night Furies bore into him as they made their way to the Clearing.

Moonchaser's gaze drifted backwards to a small family.

'Best not to dwell on what I have lost...' He thought, turning his gaze to Toothless who was flying next to him. _'...But on what I have gained.'_ He concluded.

**"Einar, we're almost there." **He heard his mate call to him, pulling him from his thoughts.

As the two drew closer to the Clearing, the evening's orange light could be seen peeking between the pillars of wood. Soon, they burst through the forest and into a large, open, field-like clearing near the center of the island accompanied by a silvery lake.

Toothless was elated at the sight of the Clearing and began to scan the area feverishly.

"Relax, we're among the first few here." Moonchaser informed her, surveying the glade.

Soon, more and more Night Furies began pouring into the grassy dell, followed by a sizeable group, all carrying large game.

Toothless' eyes lit up. **"The hunting party, come on!"**

Following his beta, Moonchaser flew to greet the hunters.

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><p>Toothless and Moonchaser soared over the arriving hunting party, searching for her mother, but found nothing.<p>

**"I don't see her. She must still be out, along with dad." **Toothless said slowly as she landed.

Suddenly, SakarÃ-as roared out loudly, calling the present dragons' attention.

"We have an Alpha and a Beta joining us for a short while!" He hollered, beckoning Moonchaser and Toothless to join him in the sky.

Taking flight, Moonchaser and Toothless hovered near him in the air, startled gasps coming from those gathered at the sight of Moonchaser.

"I will show respect to you all, as I am in **_your **_**home. All I ask in return is the same kind of respect shown to me."** Moonchaser called out.

Slowly, the dragons began responding with affirming warbles, and after several moments Toothless said quietly to Moonchaser. **"Look, there they are! Let's go."** She chortled gesturing toward a pair of

Night Furies that was nearing the lake, unable to hear the announcement.

"**How do you know?"** Moonchaser asked curiously.

"**Their eyesâ€¦"** Toothless trailed off before diving toward them.

Moonchaser followed close, leaving SakarÃ-as confused in the sky. The duo looked up to see the duo diving toward them. As they landed, the female saw Toothless sporting an uncontrollable grin. At first, she was confused, however she looked into to the stranger's eyes, and gasped.

'_Itâ€¦ It can't be. No. There's no way I could forget those eyes.' _The female thought, looking at Toothless with wide eyes and the male next to her mirroring her reaction.

Then, with a gleaming smile, Toothless spoke.

"I missed you, Mom."

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><p>I hope you enjoyed chapter ten! Please do take the time to review!

Question: An idea came to mind recently; what if I did a prequel to 'What is Within'? The title would be 'focusing on Moonchaser's life from just before The Burning to the first chapter of What is Within? I may also include a few Toothless chapters spotlighting her time with her parents, the Red Death, etc. Hell, I would even accept chapter ideas for it :D.

Please tell me if you guys do or don't like the idea, honestly I think it would be fun. However, updates would be a bit sparatic (nothing drastic :P) as 'What is Within' would remain my main focus.

Love you all!

11. Chapter 11

Hello! I know I missed my little prediction for last Saturday, but here it is. AND IT IS ELEVEN THOUSAND WORDS! YAY! Special thanks to Turtlefarts27, who just completed a wonderful story called 'The Last One', go take a look! And I won't forget about my second beta, Sousuke Tenki!

Hey, so one of my friends and favorite authors, razor95, just returned with a new chapter of his awesome story called 'The Return of the Nightfures (REDUX)'. Go take a look!

Thanks to all those who reviewed, favorited, or followed:

Zero Fullbuster (guest): Thanks!

fusica2: You're awesome, here it is!

Retrokill: All of your questions, no, _most_ of your questions, will be answered.

Dragon Lord Draco: I think you'll find one little bit in this story particularly awesome!

Kurama190: Thanks!

SoNevable: You're awesome too!

Yesboss21: Can't forget about you!

Enjoy the chapter! DISCLAIMER: HTTYD DOES NOT BELONG TO ME!

~Moonchaser

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><p>"I missed you, Mom."

Moonchaser observed from behind Toothless as the other two Night Furies froze with wide eyes and laxed jaws.

After a moment, the female spoke, _**"EdyÃ-s? Isâ€¦ Is it really you?" **_The icy blue-eyed female whispered in disbelief.

"**It's really me, Mom."** Toothless replied in a joyful whisper.

Suddenly, Toothless was rushed by the Night Fury couple and pulled into a tight embrace by their wings, happy tears falling from their faces.

"**O-Our daughterâ€¦ We're so s-sorry. We missed you, more than y-you can b-believe."** The male choked out, tears of joy flowing from his sunny, yellow eyes.

"**I m-missed you too."** Toothless replied in a quiet, gentle voice.

Moonchaser sat several feet away, watching the scene unfold with a warm smile.

"**Looks like you found your family."** Moonchaser interjected with a respectful, greeting bow as the three Night Furies pulled away from one another, all of them sporting uncontrollable smiles and oblivious to the small crowd that looked upon them from a distance.

Toothless finally understood and spoke, **"Ferinr, Cira, this is-"**

"**I know who **_**he **_**is." **The male interjected, stepping forward and moving into a defensive stance.

"**... My **_**mate, **_**Einar."** Toothless finished before the situation could escalate.

Her parents' jaws fell open.

"**R-Really?"** Her mother stammered as she looked to the large Alpha dragon.

"_**He's an Alpha now."**_Toothless whispered to the two with a small smirk, earning her two small gasps.

"**And you're my Beta."** Moonchaser regarded his mate as he moved to her side.

"**YOU'RE A BETA?"** Toothless' parents asked with shocked grins, Ferinr's demeanor softening.

"_**Who's a Beta?"**_ Came an unseen, squeaky voice, followed by a small, Night Fury toddler pushing his way through Cira's wings.

Toothless' mouth parted slightly in surprise as the hatchling looked up to her with large, intelligent turquoise eyes, earplates perked and head tilted to the side in curiosity.

"**This is EdyÃ-s. Amir, meet your sister."** Cira told him as she nudged him closer to Toothless.

Toothless' jaw hit the ground.

"**I HAVE A SISTER?****"**

"**I HAVE A BROTHER?"** Both Amir and Toothless exclaimed excitedly.

Toothless bent her head downward toward Amir, who stood about as tall as her foreleg, and sniffed him gingerly while he copied her actions.

Registering her scent as _family_, Amir pounced forward, landing his front paws on her snout. Toothless barked in surprise.

Satisfied with her reaction, Amir struck again, this time aiming for her paws. Toothless moved sideways and playfully trotted in circles around Moonchaser as her newfound sibling chased her tail, chirping energetically.

"**I suppose this is what that dragoness from before meant!"** Moonchaser called amusedly to Toothless, chortling in laughter.

Toothless stopped short in front of her mate laughing heartily, causing Amir to run right into her and fall flat on his back just under Moonchaser. Amir instantly gave a sharp whine of fright at the large, unfamiliar dragon looming over him and scuttled near Toothless and their parents.

Moonchaser shrunk down slowly and laid on his side in an effort to look less threatening to the youngling. Toothless gave a sympathetic sigh as she folded her wings to the side.

"**Go on, meet my mate, Einar."** Toothless encouraged her brother, attempting to coax him out as she looked down to him.

Amir slowly took a few cautious steps from the group, pausing to look

back questioningly. He continued on when his mother gave a slow nod of approval, gingerly approaching the foreign dragon.

"**Hello there, little one." **Moonchaser greeted in a deep, soothing voice.

"**I'm A-Amir."** He replied timidly as he slowly took in the adult's scent, associating it with rain and smoke.

The little Night Fury adorned a puzzled expression when his eyes landed on Moonchaser's markings spread across his earplates and down his neck and back, ending on his wingtips and tailfins.

"**Do you have a title, like our Kell? "** He asked off-topic as he stared on at the male lying in front of him.

Moonchaser froze and Toothless whispered quietly to her parents.

"**Amir, let's get ourselves a meal and **_**then **_**we'll talk some more, okay?"** Ferinr called to his son.

"**Okay."** Amir replied, saddened at the thought of leaving his newfound sister and this strange dragon she called her mate.

"**You'll get to see them soon, don't worry. Actually, would you two like to join us?"** Cira asked them.

"**Well, of course we will!"** Toothless replied.

"**Good. It will be the first time in many years we will have a meal with our daughter."** Ferinr stated, before the five of them flew towards the center of the clearing.

They flew slowly toward the game the hunting party had brought in and landed near the group that had gathered. Many of the nearby dragons turned to look in their direction, some of them fully bowing and some lowering their heads briefly as they passed.q

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><p>"Come, follow us." Fernir called as the five of them finished their meal.

Spreading her wings, Toothless followed her parents into the sky accompanied by Moonchaser.

Their scales shone with an orange gleam as the setting sun's rays reflected off of them as the five soared through the sky.

"**We're almost there!"** Amir chirped gleefully from beside his mother, looking back to Toothless and Moonchaser as he followed his mother, banking down towards the sea and below the forest canopy.

Cira landed in a small clearing, bordered by brush on all sides, and laid down.

"**So, EdyÃ-s. Tell us, what have you done in your time missing?"**

She warbled, clearly eager to know.

As Toothless began her story, Moonchaser zoned out into a world of his own thoughts.

'_If I kill SakarÃ-as now, Brotnum SkÃ³glendi will plunge into chaos. I need to find a way to expose him.'_ He thought as he watched Amir examine him with great interest.

'_That's it! VÃ¡sak is the key. He was with the Vanguard back then, he will know the truthâ€¦ Then, it will be much easier to introduce Hiccup, once they're on my side.'_

Moonchaser was pulled from his thoughts when Amir pounced onto his back, sniffing at the marks.

"**What are these?"** He inquired curiously and all attention was suddenly directed toward Moonchaser.

"**I don't know what they are. Green lightning struck my egg before I was hatched, that is how I got them."** He explained, however Cira had a puzzled look on her face, yet her features cleared a moment later.

Amir crawled off of him, however something caught his eye. **"How did you get that?"** The curious hatchling asked as he bent down and sniffed a jagged scar that ran the down length of his chest, usually hidden by his wings or forelegs.

Moonchaser instantly shifted his foreleg to hide the mark, but he wasn't fast enough to hide it from Ferinr.

"**I know that mark, Einar. The jaggedness of it comes from the tail-spines of a Skrill."** Ferinr said as he hung his left foreleg out, a much smaller, similar mark was planted there.

"**So, you are with the Vanguard."** Moonchaser stated.

"**We have all heard the stories, but what exactly did you do after The Burning?"** Ferinr interrogated.

"**Not with Amir here, I don't feel like reopening old wounds. Where can I find VÃ¡sak?"** Moonchaser asked with a cold grimace, earplates flat against his skull.

After a few tense moments, Ferinr spoke, **"Kell's Reach, the arch."**

"**I'll be back, love." **Moonchaser concluded as he licked his mate's cheek gently, before launching silently into the darkening sky.

'_I need a break. Time to see VÃ¡sak.'_ He thought, before shooting off in the direction of the stone arch from before.

**"You shouldn't have pushed like that." **Toothless told her father sternly. He could only shrug.

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><p>Moonchaser landed outside the reach and was approached by two Furies outside.<p>

"**I need to speak with VÃ¡sak."** He stated firmly.

"**Yes, Alpha. I will let him know you are here."** One of them replied, before stalking into the cavern.

After several minutes, VÃ¡sak emerged. **"What is it?"**

"I need to speak with you, privately." Moonchaser stated.

"Oh**...****A****lright." **He replied uncertainly.

"Follow me." Moonchaser commanded as he took off towards the sea.

**"Are you going to tell me why you called me out here?" **VÃ¡sak asked impatiently as they flew high above the island.

"Seventeen years ago, three days before the burning, **_where were you called to**_**?"** Moonchaser interrogated in an effort to check the validity of Hakan's information.

**"Here, why?" **VÃ¡sak asked, puzzled.

_**"He was right..." **_Moonchaser whispered to himself.

"What's going on, Einar?"

"I will call on you, when I do, I need you to stand by me. Thank you VÃ¡sak. Goodnight." He finished, and flew off.

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><p>Moonchaser flew back to the quaint clearing, only to find it empty, and Toothless with her family in a dwelling above.<p>

Deciding against interfering with their reconciliation, he flew silently to the end of a large branch that began at the entrance of their home, and looked up into the stars.

Unbeknownst to him, all had gone quiet in the den.

"**You only hear of the stories, those that make him out to be indomitable, ragefulâ€¦ a demon seeking vengeance. That is only one side of the scale. You **_**don't **_**know what he has dealt with his entire life, his sanity, or the extent of his loss. Under his rough, scarred exterior, Einar is a broken soul."** Toothless whispered, penetrating the silence as they looked upon the dragon, markings glowing dimly and gazing up at the stars with mournful eyes, unshielded and swirling with emotion.

"**But through me, he has found refuge. Yet it seems that there is one thing that he has given me that I can never return to him in full. I will never be able to lead him****back to **_**his **_**family, as he has done for me."** Toothless finished, turning to look at her family, her parents wearing sympathetic expressions

directed at the Alpha.

"**EdyÃ-s, you already have. I can tell by the way he acts toward you, you have done more than grant solace. You have given him something to **_**love. **_**You have given him****a home. Daughter, **_**you**_** are his family, and he is grateful for it."** Cira told her sincerely and Toothless gave her a hopeful smile, before stepping out onto the thick tree limb and began walking to her mate.

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><p>Moonchaser sat, scanning the stars with wide, intelligent eyes. He lowered his gaze to the horizon when he heard Toothless' claws digging into the wood to hold her balance as she approached him.<p>

"**They say that Night Furies never die, but each one's soul simply lives on as one the stars once they pass beyond the Gates to Eternal rest, their whispers carry in the wind, heard by those fortunate enough."** She called to him, knowing exactly what he was thinking, followed by several moments of silence.

"**EdyÃ-s?" **Moonchaser finally spoke.

"**Yes?"** She responded.

"Do you think that they are up there?" He asked hopefully.

"**Tell me, have you ever felt their presence in the sky, a feeling of welcoming when you soar in the night?"**

"**Of course."**

"**That's an answer****. Whether you know it or not, they are always looking ****out for ****you, guiding you. Listen, I want you to know to know how grateful I am for you leading me to my family. I know it****'****s not something I can repay in full." **Toothless finished slowly with a hearty nuzzle.

"**You already have. You have given me a home and a family. You have given me Berk, hundreds of humans and dragons that I can rely on. I have the best family I could hope to find****.**** I should be thanking **_**you.**_**"** He replied with a loving lick along her jawline.

"**You're welcome."** Toothless purred out as she gave a daring nip at his chin, landing squarely on his pressure point, followed by a lick.

After a moment, Toothless warbled quietly to him.

"**I know you can, ****but t****hat will have to wait, love. **_**We're still outside.**_**" **Moonchaser finished with a smirk.

"**I elect that we fix that, what do you say?"** She replied.

"**Couldn't agree more."** He concluded, before dropping off the

branch and gliding towards their dwelling.

From inside the dwelling below, Ferinr smiled as he watched his daughter fly off.

"**You were right."** He told Cira.

"**It's a mother****'s instinct.****" **She replied with a laugh as she laid down beside him, shuffling Amir to her side.

Soon, the den was quiet, and _almost_ _all_ were at rest as the moon peaked high in the sky.

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><p>Toothless awoke first the next morning still encased in a warm embrace. Deciding that it was time to rise, she pawed gently at the snout of her Alpha in an effort to wake him.<p>

"**Time to wake up."**

Moonchaser growled playfully as he was woken from his slumber. Toothless crawled from his wings and stretched, groaning slightly.

"**Toothless. I think it is time to introduce Hiccup to your family, what do you think?"** He asked her with a groggy smile.

"**Well, we are on good terms with the colony, and if anything goes wrong, we can get him out fast. I agree."** She replied gleefully.

"_**You **_**get to stay here and bond a bit more, Alpha's orders. I'll go get him. I'll be back this evening."** Moonchaser told her with a chortling laugh, before leaping out of the wooden den and into the morning sky.

Toothless sighed as she watched her mate leave, but was pulled from her trance as her stomach rumbled hungrily.

'_Time to eat.' _She thought as she flew from the tree and toward the ocean.

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><p>Moonchaser arrived at Berk just before the downward stroke of morning, the sun fast approaching its steady climb.<p>

'_**Hiccup!'**_ He roared out from over the harbor, looking over the entirety of the village.

Just a second later, Hiccup came running out of the academy.

"You're back! Where is Toothless?"

_**'Actually, I am taking you to her. Hiccup, get your riding gear, because you're in for the saddleless ride of your life. It's time for you to see a Night Fury colony.'**_Moonchaser explained with a smirk.

"You're serious?!" Hiccup exclaimed.

'_**Yes.'**_

"Okay, let me go tell Astrid and mom." He finished before running off.

After several minutes, Hiccup returned wearing his leather riding gear and adorning a large pack.

'_**Climb on! Time for you to see what a Night Fury can **_**really **_**do.'**_ He told his human friend as he ignited his marks.

Finishing her last fish, Toothless flew to her family's dwelling.

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><p>"I trust you two had fun last night?" Her mother asked with a smile as her daughter landed near her.

"**What's that supposed to mea-****MOM!"** Toothless warbled in embarrassment, facial scales darkening as her mother chortled with laughter.

"**Where's Einar?"** Her mother asked a few moments later, relieving her daughter of her embarrassing predicament.

"**Picking someone upâ€¦" **She trailed, sulking.

"**It wouldn't happen to be your human friend, would it?"** She inquired, tilting her head slightly.

"**Yes, it is. He'll be under mine and the Alpha's protection."** She explained.

"**Good. What do you say we see what Ferinr and Amir are up to?"** Cira asked curiously.

"**Sure."** Toothless replied before taking off after Cira.

After a while of flying, they found Amir and Ferinr in the Clearing in the island's center, the former attempting to tackle his father by jumping erratically on his back.

"**I've already told you son, you're going to have to do better than that."** Ferinr taunted.

Amir gave a disgruntled warble and curled up on his father's head. Toothless laughed at her little brother's antics as she and her mother approached the duo.

"**Amir, how old are you?"** She asked with a laugh.

"**Only two winters old, but that doesn't mean I can't pin my dad!" **He chirped.

"**Yes it does." **Came Ferinr's reply.

Toothless smirked evilly as an idea came to mind. **"Amir, come here."**

"**What?"** He warbled curiously as he descended from his father's head and trotted to Toothless.

"_**Scratch lightly at the base of his chin."**_ She whispered to him with a wink.

Amir's face lit up as he turned to his father, a dangerous look in his eyes.

"**EdyÃ-s, what did you do?" **Ferinr asked lowly.

"**Oh, nothing at allâ€¦ AMIR, GO!" **Toothless decreed loudly, and Amir raced forward, jumping upwards and scratching his father lightly on the chin, reducing Ferinr to a purring puddle of ebony scales.

Cira and Toothless laughed as Amir pranced victoriously on the back of his latest 'conquest'.

Minutes later, Ferinr stood, senses finally regained. **"Amir, guess what."**

"**What?"
>"Do you want me to get you a SÃ¦tur?" He asked tantalizingly.

"**Now? YES!" **The youngling exclaimed.

"**Okay then, **_**get her.**_**" **He replied with

'_What have I doneâ€¦' _Toothless thought as Amir came running toward her, Cira and Ferinr both rolling around in laughter.

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><p>'We are almost there. Are you ready?'_ Moonchaser asked Hiccup as they approached the island basked in what was left of the dusk's light.

"Yes!" Hiccup hollered in reply over the wind.

'_**Good, VÃ¡sak, time to face the music!'**_ Moonchaser roared out to no-one Hiccup could see.

"Who is V- AAHHHHHHH!" He screamed as Moonchaser plunged through the clouds at an almost vertical angle, diving with a stupid amount of speed.

Hiccup fought the wind to look sideways and gasped as he spotted two other Night Furies, one of whom seemed to be conversing with Moonchaser. The two ended their conversation as the island drew near, the larger of the two new furies barked to the other one, who flew off.

"**He will inform SakarÃ-as of your arrival and your friend." **VÃ¡sak told Moonchaser.

"**Good."**

Hiccup gasped as they entered the border of the forest.

"It's like the massive trees from the Old Textsâ€¦" He trailed in wonder at the size of the trees as they passed one that was half as wide around as the academy.

"They live in the trees? That is the last thing I expected, honestly." He expressed, catching sight of a small family of Night Furies flying from a dwelling.

'_**I know, but enough gawking, it's time for you to meet EdyÃ-s' family.'**_ Moonchaser explained.

"Who is Ed- Wait, why can't I say that?" He asked, bewildered as he continued to pronounce the name.

'_**It is part of **_**our **_**language, not yours. It is impossible for you to speak. EdyÃ-s is Toothless' birth-name.'**_ He elaborated.

"You're kiddingâ€¦ That's so cool, I didn't know that dragons had languages _specific to their species!_' Hiccup exclaimed as he ran his fingers through his auburn hair.

Soon, they were upon Toothless' family dwelling. Hearing Moonchaser alight outside on one of the branches, Toothless stalked outside.

'_**Hiccup! Come here, I want you to meet my family!' **_She warbled excitedly.

"S-Slow down, g-girl." Hiccup said nervously as he landed his feet on the thick branch, the only thing keeping him from a one hundred and fifty foot drop straight down to the forest floor.

Carefully creeping along the branch, he stumbled inside the dwelling, falling flat on his back. Instantly, the wind was knocked out of him as something pounced on his chest. Hiccup groaned and opened his eyes only to find two pools of turquoise staring right back at him. Groaning, Hiccup struggled to lift the two-year-old Night Fury off of him, when he heard what sounded like condescending warbles sounded from his left.

"**Amir! Get off of your sister's friend." **Ferinr chided his son.

"**What is he?"** Amir warbled curiously as he began to chew on Hiccup's leather sleeve. Hiccup could only marvel at the young dragon who was trying to swallow his entire sleeve.

Toothless sighed, **"He's a human. Don't **_**eat **_**him."** She told her brother before lifting him by the scruff of his neck with her maw, and placed him beside her.

Finally free from Amir, Hiccup looked left to see Toothless standing next to a small Night Fury, and two adults.

'_**Hiccup, meet my family, Amir, Cira, and Ferinr.' **_She said to

him as she gestured to each one. Hiccup stared at the sight in front of him with wide, disbelieving eyes, a shocked smile planted on his face.

After a moment, Toothless chuffed and Amir padded forward. Slowly, he made his way around the strange foreigner, sniffing every inch of him he could.

"**He smells like you." **Amir commented as he made his way to Hiccup's front once more.

"Awww." Hiccup let out as Amir stood slightly on his hind legs and sniffed at his face before giving him a sloppy lick.

"Arrrgh, that doesn't wash out!" He exclaimed as Toothless chortled in laughter.

Slowly, the other two Night Furies approached him, taking in his scent, leather and iron-smoke.

"**Amir is right, you do smell alike." **Cira commented.

"**Of course, I spend nearly all my time in Berk around him." **Toothless explained.

Moonchaser took this time to project to every dragon on the island, _**'There is a human staying here. He will not harm you, and you are not to harm him. If you do, the punishment will be severe. He is under the protection of myself and my Beta, along with the Vanguard.'**_

Stepping inside, Moonchaser stalked over to Toothless and whispered to her, _**"I'll be outside, love." **_

"**Alright, don't be too long now." **She teased in a quiet voice.

Smiling, Moonchaser exited the dwelling into the night. and slinked back up the branch, and listened.

After several moments of peaceful silence, Ferinr called to Moonchaser from behind him.

"**I wanted to apologize for my ****behavior**** yesterday, I shouldn't have pushed you. It wasâ€¦ inappropriate." **He admitted sincerely.

"**Thank you, all can be forgiven. My sudden leave was uncalled for as well."** Moonchaser replied.

"**I want to thank you, for all you have done for my daughter. You offered your life for hers without a second thought the second you met her. You will always protect her as she will you. Lastly, you found her family."** He told the Alpha thankfully.

"**It's because I love her, nothing can change that."** He assured his mate's sire.

"**I am glad to hear that. If you ever need a favor, don't be afraid to call upon me."** Ferinr concluded before stalking down the branch

and into the dwelling.

Deciding that it was time to rejoin the group, Moonchaser turned and began to creep down the branch when a faint breeze blew through the trees, rustling the leaves and tickling his scales.

I love you, my little Moonchaser.

He stopped dead in his tracks on the branch and perked his earplates, begging to hear the quiet whisper once more. But nothing came, the leaves stilled, and all was quiet once more.

"_**Momâ€¦"**_ He whispered to the stars warmly as he looked into the sky. After several moments, he turned to rejoin his mate.

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><p>Later that night, Hiccup bid goodbye to Toothless' family, much to the disappointment of Amir, who had taken a liking to the strange human with the false leg.<p>

Flying on Toothless, Hiccup was taken back to their dwelling. Once the trio landed, Hiccup set his pack down and unrolled a fur sleeping bag on one side of the dwelling, still finding himself unable to not gawk at the majesty of the island and its unique features.

'_**Come here, Hiccup.'**_ Toothless called from beside Moonchaser.

Hiccup stood and walked over, only to be snugly enveloped by his dragon's wings.

"Thanks, I think." Came Hiccup's muffled reply. Toothless only crooned in response.

Once sure that he wouldn't disturb Hiccup, Moonchaser spoke. **"EdyÃ-s?"**

"**Yes?"**

"**I-I heard her, EdyÃ-s. In the wind. I heard my m-mother. S-She called me M-Moonchaser, and told me she l-loves me." **He told her as joyful tears streaked down his face and onto hers.

Toothless knew it was true. He wouldn't lie about this, and she was beyond happy for him.

"**I told you they are watching over you, everything you do, they****'****re there. But I do have to ask, why **_**Moonchaser**_** and not your name?"** Toothless asked, curious.

"**Moonchaser was her nickname for me as a hatchlingâ€¦"** He concluded with a warm smile.

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><p>'What happened to Toothless' wings?' Hiccup rolled sleepily onto the soft wood the next day. As he stood and rubbed his eyes, he looked to the two dragons and chuckled as he found his dragon snuggled into the Alpha.

'_I suppose he _is _warmerâ€¦' _He answered himself.

The morning sun's golden rays shone down upon his face as he turned toward the entrance and gazed outside.

"Wowâ€¦" He whispered to himself as he saw Night Furies practically everywhere, going here and there, some eating, all minding their own business.

'_**Impressed?'**_ Came a feminine voice to his side.

Hiccup jumped slightly, startled at the voice, and turned only to find Toothless.

"Yeah, it'sâ€¦ amazing!" He exclaimed in reply.

"Toothless?" Hiccup asked before she could say anything else.

'_**Yes, Hiccup?'**_

"Is it just me, or has Moonchaser been a littleâ€¦ off, lately?" He inquired.

'_**You're right, he has. I think part of it has to do with me.'**_ She replied, looking back at the still sleeping dragon-in-question.

"What do you mean?" He asked curiously.

'_**It's my current situation. I have found my family, my home, my old friends. It's everything I have**__** that **__**he **_**can't**_**. He denies it of course and my mother says otherwise as well, but I know it is getting to him.' **_Toothless said somberly.

"You think he is jealous?" Hiccup asked.

'_**No, the opposite, in fact. He's been distant, physically. Multiple times he finds a way to be separate from my family and I whenever we socialize. It is like he doesn't want to see or remember what it was like for him, simply because that it won't ever be again. It is hard for him just being here, with good reminders, come bad ones for him as well.' **_She explained to her rider who remained silent.

'_**And he always seems to be staring at the stars at night, however I suppose I know the reason whyâ€¦'**_ Toothless finished.

"Why?"

'_**They say that the stars are the Life-Fires, humans would call them souls, of Night **__**F**__**uries past, and that their whispers sometimes carry in the wind. Moonchaser told me last night that he heard his mother's voice in the wind, faint like a whisper. I hope that helps him.'**_ She illuminated.

"That can really happen?" Hiccup wondered to his dragon.

'_**Yes, you heard what Toothless said, didn't you?'**_ Moonchaser spoke as he rose.

'_**How long have you been awake?'**_ Toothless interrogated.

'_**I awoke just now, why?'**_ He replied.

'_**No reason. Should we eat?' **_Toothless lied.

"Sure."

'_**Sure.**__**' **_Came the other two's replies.

Hiccup mounted up onto Toothless and the three were off.

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><p>Midway to the Clearing, VÃ¡sak joined the small group.<p>

"**Einar, the Greyscales would like to speak with the three of you."** VÃ¡sak conveyed as he flew beside Toothless. Hiccup recognized his pumpkin-orange eyes as the ones that belonged to the Fury from the previous night.

"Hey! You're that one from last night, V-" Hiccup tried to say, but the words failed to leave his tongue.

"Right, can't speak it. How about I just call you 'Solsyn'?" He asked the ebony dragon, who studied him intently, before he gave an ascending, questioning chirp.

'_**He wants to know what it means.'**_ Moonchaser translated for VÃ¡sak.

"It means 'Sun-sight'. Your eyes are a flourescent orange, like the sunset." Hiccup illuminated for the dragon, who seemed to think for a moment, and finally warbled in content. Hiccup smiled at the acceptance.

Shortly thereafter, the Clearing came into view and dozens of Night Furies, from the hatchlings bouncing around and tumbling with one another, to the Greyscaled Elders, supervising all that happened on the island.

Hiccup stared open-mouthed at the scene before him as he rode upon Toothless.

"They're _everywhere!_" he exclaimed as the four of them banked along the rim of the glade and to a raised, grassy knoll on one of the ends.

The four of them were greeted by three grey-scaled Night Furies.

'_**These are the elders, Hiccup. Don't talk unless we say.'**_ Toothless ordered and Hiccup gave a silent nod.

"**Good morning, Alpha. My name is AslÃ¡kur. This is AnÃ-ka and HlÃ-far."** He greeted and gestured with his head, the other two dipped their heads in acknowledgement.

"**We have a few questions about your human friend." **AnÃ-ka explained as she looked to Hiccup with a scrutinizing gaze.

"**What may they be?" **Moonchaser responded.

"**No, we would like to hear it from him, if you would translate."** HlÃ-far explained.

'_**Very well. Hiccup, the Elders would like to ask you a few questions, I will translate.'**_Moonchaser told his human friend.

"Alright." He replied with a cautious gaze to the older dragons as he dismounted from Toothless.

(AN: Everything the Elders say to Hiccup, Moonchaser translates, but I am not putting in his translation dialogue.)

AslÃ¡kur padded forward and took in Hiccup's scent. **"You do not reek of dragonblood like so many of the other humans we have encountered over the decades."
>"That is because my tribe and I do not kill dragons. We made peace five years ago." Hiccup answered, the Elders surprised at his explanation.

"**And how did this come to be?" **AnÃ-ka inquired.

And Hiccup began his storyâ€¦

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><p>"... and it was all thanks to Toothless." Hiccup concluded sometime later to the stunned Elders as he scratched his dragon behind her earplates.<p>

"**Is this true?"** HlÃ-far inquired to Toothless.

"**Every word of it, Elder."** She responded with a nod.

The Elders shared a glance and whispered among themselves for a few moments, before looking back to Hiccup.

"**We would be happy to welcome you to **_**our**_** home,****Manna-Hreint-Eldur." **AslÃ¡kur spoke, promptly followed by a quiet whisper from the Elder as a ghostly, white smoke flew out from of his maw and drifted to Hiccup, who began to panic nervously.

"**Be still, human." **AnÃ-ka commanded as the smoke swirled through the air and was inhaled by Hiccup, who almost fainted.

"What was _that_?!" Hiccup panicked, while coughing and spluttering.

(AN: Moonchaser no longer translates for Hiccup.)

"**Can you hear us, human?" **HlÃ-far asked curiously.

"Yes, I- I CAN HEAR YOU!" Hiccup exclaimed as he threw his hands upward in excitement. "YES!"

"What did you do?!" Hiccup questioned excitedly.

"**We will tell you, but first, speak your title." **AnÃ-ka told him.

"My title?" Hiccup asked, confused.

"**Yes, Manna-Hreint-Eldur. That is your Nightfurian name. It means 'Human-Pure-Fire'. You are the first human we have encountered that doesn't reek of dragonblood, your fire is pure. You are also the first to be granted one as you have proved yourself to be more dragon than human in many aspects. Carry it proudly."** AslÃ¡kur informed the viking.

Hiccup fumbled with his newly granted knowledge, testing the foreign language on his tongue, before he finally formed the words.

"**Manna-Hreint-Eldur."** Hiccup said, before adorning a huge grin that swept from ear-to-ear.

"**Human?"** AnÃ-ka asked.

"What is it?" He asked.

"**AslÃ¡kur here has gifted you a Script. From now on, you will be able to understand **_**all **_**who possess the knowledge to speak NÃ³tttala. **_**Even if they are not Nightfurian."**_She explained.

"That's amazing!" Hiccup exclaimed, still getting used to the idea of conversing with a dragon through normal speech.

"**However, this **_**does not**_** mean you will be able to understand **_**all **_**dragons. Only those who possess the knowledge to speak our language."**

"Why is that?" Hiccup asked her.

AnkÃ-ka sighed, **"There are three kinds of speech that dragons use. The first and most primal is that based on scents and body language. It is used by the less intelligent species such as Terrors." **The female elder explained.

"**The second is used by all other more intelligent species, consisted of actual speech. You humans hear it as patterns of growls, roars, chortles, and warbles." **HlÃ-far added.

"**The third, is a set of complex languages that were not evolved, but created within the most intelligent of dragon cultures. We Night Furies are an example, however we are not the only ones. Among us in this tier are Desert Wraiths, Sea Kings, Horntails, and **_**Skrills.**_**" **AslÃ¡kur concluded.

"Wowâ€¦ I had no idea you guys were so complex." Hiccup commented in

amazement.

"**There are many things you do not know about us yet, and you **_**will**_** continue to discover them. I can feel that your path is deeply intertwined with **_**all of ours.**_**" **He replied.

"Thank you, Elder." Hiccup finished.

As Hiccup turned to Toothless and began conversing feistily, still fumbling with his words, Moonchaser turned to face the Elders.

"**Elders, there is an issue I would like to discuss with you privately." **Moonchaser stated seriously.

"C'mon, Einar!"

"**Yeah, come on, let's go!"** The other two called to him from a few steps away as Hiccup climbed onto Toothless' back.

"**Go on, be with your mate and companion. We have work to do and whatever it is, I am sure we can discuss it tomorrow."** AnÃ-ka said to Moonchaser with an encouraging smile.

Moonchaser looked back toward the duo in question, only to face Toothless' irresistible puppy-dog eyes.

"**Oh, okay."** He said humorously as he turned back to the Elders, **"Thank you. I will look forward to our meeting." **Moonchaser concluded formally before joining Hiccup and Toothless in the sky as VÃ¡sak flew back away from the Clearing.

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><p>The trio landed at the lake on the rim of the large glade and hungrily stared at the water.<p>

"I am going to go find some firewood." Hiccup informed them as he dismounted Toothless.

"**Don't venture too far."** Toothless called with a smile to her rider who strolled to the edge of the forest.

Hiccup returned minutes later with an armful of wood and dry kindling to see his two ebony companions splashing one another with their wings.

"Did you guys get _any_ fish while I was gone?" He called humorously to the duo.

Toothless popped her head out of the water with a mouthful of fish and nodded feverishly. Hiccup laughed and hauled the wood upwards from the shore of the large reservoir before setting it down on the dewy grass and arranging the logs in a square tower around the dry kindling and dead leaves. Finishing his chore, he pulled his flaming sword from his leg, which he had dubbed 'Inferno', and set the pile aflame.

Moonchaser and Toothless emerged from the lake with fish for them all

and padded over to Hiccup.

"**Here you are."** Toothless said with a grin as she dropped him two fish before lying in the grass and devouring her late breakfast as her rider skinned and gutted his freshly caught breakfast in the shallow water, before retreating back to the warm fire and placing the meat on a rickety fire-spit.

Moonchaser and Toothless ate silently while Hiccup cooked his fish over the crackling fire, enjoying the crisp, late autumn air. Deeming it ready, Hiccup pulled the cooked meat from the flame and began to delve into his meal hungrily.

Suddenly, a certain turquoise-eyed hatchling decked Hiccup from his flank and snatched the second half of cod from his hands.

"What the- AMIR! GIVE THAT BACK!" Hiccup shouted at the little dragon who began to run in circles, carrying the fish fillet smugly in his maw as Hiccup chased him.

"That isn't yours!" Hiccup exclaimed to the hatchling, much to the amusement of Toothless and Moonchaser, who laughed at Amir's antics.

'_If Amir is here, thenâ€¦'_ Toothless thought as she looked skyward only to find her parents descending from the treeline.

"**We thought we might find you three in the Clearing."** Ferinr greeted amusedly as he watched his his son flee from Hiccup.

"**The Elders gave Hiccup the knowledge to speak and understand our language, however he is still grasping the speaking portion." **Toothless explained excitedly to her parents.

"**The Elders can do that?"** Cira asked, surprised.

"**Apparently so. Hiccup! Come here a moment!" **Moonchaser called as he stepped next to Toothless.

"What is it?" Hiccup asked as he approached the group with Amir on his heels.

"**See?" **Toothless said.

"Oh, right. The Elders gave me a NÃ³tttala title; Manna-Hreint-Eldur." Hiccup elucidated.

All were stunned except for Moonchaser and Toothless.

"**Does that mean you can hear me now?" **Amir warbled to Hiccup from below him.

"Yes it does, Amir." Hiccup explained as he looked down to the youngling, who seemed to think for a moment before his eyes lit up.

"**Come on! Dad, I'm going to go find Vikar and Svali!"** Amir chirped before he tugged on Hiccup's pant-leg feverishly.

"**I think he is telling you to follow him, Hiccup."** Moonchaser

chuckled.

"Alright, Amir. You go, I'll follow." He told the little one as he grabbed his pack. Amir stopped his incessant tugging and scampered off, chirping energetically as Hiccup ran after him.

"**Well, I guess we know what those two are doing all dayâ€¦"** Cira mused as she stared after the duo.

"**OH! That reminds me, I think I saw Ã•sar on the way here. Come on Einar!" **Toothless barked excitedly to her mate before flying off with Moonchaser following suit, leaving Cira and Ferinr in the clearing.

"**Ã•sar? Oh noâ€¦" **Ferinr sighed as the two shot into the sky.

"**What is it?" **his mate asked, earplates perked in curiosity.

"**He is such an asshatâ€¦"** He mused as he watched his daughter and her mate streak toward the far end of the clearing.

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><p>"Where are we going, exactly?" Moonchaser called to his dragoness as they soared to the far end of the glade.

"**To see one of my old friends, Ã•sar." **Toothless responded.

"**Yeah, I know. But do you know where? Because just from his name, he sounds like an asshat****.****" **Moonchaser jested prophetically.

"**Oh, shut up. You've never met him!" **She teased back.

"**We'll see." **He finished with a grin.

"**Hey, I see him!" **Toothless warbled as she began to descend.

The two landed softly on the green grass and looked to the surrounding dragons. Toothless stalked toward a trio of Night Furies shadowed by Moonchaser.

"**Hey! Remember me?"** Toothless called to the three, specifically the one in the middle.

"**Who are y- Wait, noâ€¦ EdyÃ-s?!"** Ã•sar exclaimed with a grin.

"**Yup. How are you?" **She asked him.

"**Great. I actually made it into the Vanguard, too." **He said proudly.

"**You did say that you wouldâ€¦" **Toothless trailed.

"**Yup, and I'm the best in my division!" **He gloated, puffing out his chest.

'_I swear to the starsâ€¦. Five...' _Moonchaser thought as he mentally sighed.

"**Good for you."** She responded, voice laced with skepticism as Ã•sar began to circle her, looking her up and down.

'_Fourâ€¦'_ Moonchaser continued to mentally count.

"**I knowâ€¦ So, EdyÃ-s, **_**want to go for a flight andâ€¦ catch up?"**_He whispered to her quietly next to her earplates.

'_Well, t__h__at was fastâ€¦ T__hreeâ€¦' _He mused in his head.

"**Ã•sarâ€¦ I have a mate." **Toothless stated firmly, attempting to shrug off his advances, knowing full well that if she didn't shut him down now, Moonchaser would.

Ã•sar chuckled nonchalantly and hummed to himself as he brushed tails with Toothless.

'_Twoâ€¦'_

"_**He doesn't have to knowâ€¦" **_He whispered sultrily in her ear as he closed the space between them.

'_Oneâ€¦' _Moonchaser thought.

"**I already do." **Moonchaser growled out a few feet from Toothless with a smirk as his markings alighted.

The color instantly drained from Ã•sar's face as he saw the Alpha. Moonchaser raised his wings and bolted forward, slamming his shoulder into the punk's sternum and catapulting him into a nearby tree. The other two Night Furies that were beside Ã•sar backed up several feet at the display.

"**EdyÃ-s is **_**my**_** mate. If you want her, then you'll have to go through me, you asshat**_**.**_**" **Moonchaser growled, before giving him a harsh thwack on the head with his tail, rendering Ã•sar unconscious.

"**I **_**told **_**you he ****was**** an asshat." **Moonchaser stated factually as he turned back to his mate, who chuckled.

"**He wasn't twelve years agoâ€¦" **She replied.

Soon, Toothless was approached slowly by one of the Night Furies that was beside Ã•sar.

"**EydÃ-s? Really?" **Came a curious feminine voice. One that Toothless recognized.

"**Are youâ€¦ SARÃ•NA!"** She chirped and bounced happily as SarÃ-na did the same.

"**I missed you so much! What have you been doing? How did you make it out of that storm? And is **_**that**_** who I think it is?" **The bright pink-eyed dragoness warbled excitedly.

"**Calm down, and yes, this is my mate, Einar."** Toothless said with a laugh. **"Let's go somewhere else, alright?"** She suggested, looking around at the small crowd that had gathered.

"**Alright." **SarÃ-na replied.

"**Einar, would you like to come?" **Toothless offered him as she took off and hovered over the ground.

"**Of course."** The Alpha answered as he followed them into the sky.

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><p>Hiccup chased after the little black blur for what seemed like hours, until Amir stopped, sniffed the air, and bolted right. Sighing, Hiccup took after him.<p>

Shortly thereafter, Hiccup looked over grassy hill, only to find Amir with three other younglings, bouncing around. However, as soon as he stood atop of the knoll, the three hatchlings stopped and stared at him, as if they were deciding his fate, before they rushed him all at once, decking Hiccup.

Once Hiccup had ceased his roll down the hill, the three began to pounce at him, chirping energetically.

"**What **_**are**_** you?"** The second largest of them asked as he tilted his head in curiosity.

"How don- oh, right. I am a human, my name is Hiccup, or Manna-Hreint-Eldur. Can you tell me yours?" He asked the tiny Fury as he stood.

"**My name is Vikar." **Answered the deep purple-eyed hatchling as he eagerly sniffed at Hiccup's legs, thumping his tail out of excitement from meeting a whole new being.

"You guys have too much energy..." Hiccup mused as he sat and set down his pack.

As he opened the leather cover to his pack, the smallest of the trio jumped into it, fitting all but his head inside.

"And what is your name?" Hiccup said as he laughed at the little one's antics.

"**I'm Svali!" **Came the muffled, squeaky reply as the miniature 'offspring of lightning and death itself' attempted to dig deeper into Hiccup's pack, rummaging through his supplies.

"Hey, stop that." Hiccup said as he attempted to wrestle the little dragon out of his day-pack.

Finally removing the disappointed hatchling, something in the pack caught his eye; his shiny, mirror-like hammer.

Smirking, he pulled the object from the bag. "Do you guys want to play a game?" Hiccup asked them, getting excited, warbles in

reply.

Hiccup found a large rock and clambered onto it and faced the sun. Placing the head of his hammer on the rock as a makeshift pivot.

"Look that way!" Hiccup instructed from atop his rock, getting quizzical looks from other surrounding Night Furies, some venturing closer to see what had the trio of hatchlings so worked up.

Following his instructions, the three looked in the direction he had pointed, only to find a small, white dot of light. They stared at the dot for several seconds, slightly confused as to how this was a game. However the three got their answer as Hiccup tilted the hammer, the dot shifting across the ground.

The trio instantly gave chase to the little dot as Hiccup moved it erratically across the grass, getting the attention of surrounding younglings, ranging in ages.

Soon, Hiccup had a third of the Clearing population's attention with his 'human games', commanding a small army of younglings with a single hammer while he conversed with several furies near him.

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><p>Some hours later, Toothless and Moonchaser found Hiccup lying on his back in the grass, dozing, and practically surrounded by tiny Night Fury younglings, one even sprawled across his chest in a lazy puddle. Some of the older ones had even dozed off not to far from her rider. She couldn't help but chuckle at the sight.<p>

"**Looks like you had a fun day."** Toothless mused as she stared down at the dozen or so purring younglings, all basking in the warm sunset.

"I found the siblings I never hadâ€¦" Hiccup replied lazily, earning him a small lick on the face from one of the hatchlings snuggled next to his head.

"**I can see that. However, we are going to get an evening meal, would you like to join us or stay here with yourâ€¦ 'followers'?" **Toothless chortled humorously.

"Food sounds delicious, I am starvingâ€¦" Hiccup said.

However, as he went to stand, the hatchling on his chest shifted, and joined by two others, effectively pinned his upper-body.

"...And they won't let me leave." Hiccup chuckled at his situation joined by Toothless and Moonchaser.

"**Alright, little ones. Let him up." **Moonchaser called, followed by several despaired croons as they rolled off of Hiccup.

However, as Hiccup picked up his pack and began to walk to Toothless, he was shadowed by a dozen ebony spots.

"**Oh, he'll be back tomorrow. Go back to your parents." **Toothless

said with a laugh as Hiccup mounted up, and took to the skies, followed by Amir.

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><p>Moonchaser, Toothless, and Amir landed next to Cira and Ferinr with a quiet thump. Hiccup dismounted from Toothless and walked over to his makeshift fire-spit, prepping it for dinner as the hunting party came into view.<p>

Once the group got some food, they gathered around Hiccup's fire as he cooked a strip of venison, its light shining off their sleek, black scales as the sun concluded its downward crawl and receded behind the ocean's veil upon the horizon.

"**Why weren't you with the hunters today, mom?"** Toothless asked her mother.

"**I took an off-day today."** Cira replied as she took another bite of deer from the meat between her claws.

"**So, how did your little visit with Ã•sar go?"** Ferinr asked his daughter.

"**He's an asshat. Einar showed him what happens when you mess with his mate."** Toothless answered simply, earning laughs from the present group.

"**Yes, I did. And I don't think he'll be making any moves on **_**anyone**_** for a while. You know, if he w****ants to keep his entire body.****"** Moonchaser added humorously.

"**You didn'tâ€¦ kill him, did you?" **Cira asked seriously.

"**What? No, I just threw him into a tree and knocked him out. He'll be fine****.****P****robably."** He answered with a smirk.

"You should work on your vocal problem solving skills, Moonchaser." Hiccup jested.

"**Oh, they work fine, trust me. I seem to always run into those that can't take a hint." **He chortled.

Suddenly, they heard angry roars coming from the center of the Clearing. All six of them stood and looked in that direction.

"**It can't beâ€¦ SHIT!" **Moonchaser exclaimed as he blasted towards the commotion.

"Come on, let's go!" Hiccup called as he mounted Toothless, and flew off.

"**No, stay here with Amir, I'll see what is going on." **Ferinr said to Cira and his son before taking off.

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><p>(Some language and intense scenes up ahead)

Moonchaser landed with a roar, **"What's going on!?"**

One of the Vanguard approached him, **"Alpha, we found a Skrill en route to the island. He has the mark of the Order, so we detained him."** He explained.

"**Let me see him."** He replied impatiently as he stalked over to the pinned Skrill.

"**Damnit Hakan! LET HIM GO! He is a friend!"** He roared out, earning confused and questioning looks from surrounding guardians, but eventually let Hakan up.

"**Thank you, Einar."** He replied gratefully.

"**Moonchaser!"** Toothless roared before she let out a warning growl at the Skrill, seeing the Order's mark seared upon his shoulder.

'_**STOP! EVERYONE CALM THE FUCK DOWN!' **_He commanded. All present dragons flinched and were instantly silenced.

"**E-Einar, I have some very b-bad news." **Hakan said in a nervous whisper.

"_**What is so important?" **_Moonchaser replied in a curious, angry tone.

"**The Orderâ€¦ They hit a colony to the East of here; ****Falinn LeiÃ°togafundi, the Hidden Summit.**** Total exterminationâ€¦ I came as fast as I could. I'm sorry." **Hakan said, somberly.

Moonchaser froze, and all were still. Suddenly, his head, back, wings and tail erupted into a furious glow.

"_**N-Noâ€¦ It c-can't be. Heâ€¦ He said here in two moon cyclesâ€¦" **_Moonchaser whispered, devastated.

"**WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?!" **He roared furiously at Hakan before he pinned him to the ground, a clawed paw around his neck.

"**We d-didn't knowâ€¦ We were justâ€¦ told to. Whatever you h-heard was f-false!"** Hakan choked out.

"**I DON'T BELIEVE YOU! I HAD TRUSTED YOU, DAMNIT!"** He yelled as he slowly raised a clawed paw.

"**P-Pleaseâ€¦ Don't d-do this. I-It's the tr-truth!" **He coughed out from beneath Moonchaser's iron grip, blood running from his chest where Moonchaser had pinned him.

Moonchaser remained silent, paw raised, pupils constricted, and marks glowing bright like thermite.

Slowly, Hakan closed his eyes, accepting his death, and whispered. **"I-I'm sorry. I f-failed yo-u, I w-wish I had k-known. Just Rem-Remember Winter, B-Brother." **He finished.

Moonchaser froze and scrambled off of Hakan, a fearful look in his

eyes. It wasn't directed at Hakan, but at _himself._

'_I almost killed my own brotherâ€¦'_ He thought to himself as he stared down to his still open clawed fist, ready to strike.

"**I-I'm sorry..."** Moonchaser whispered to the Skrill. Weighing his options, Moonchaser blasted up into the sky and toward Falinn LeiÃ°togafundi.

"**Wait!" **Called Toothless and Hakan, who both blasted off in pursuit of Moonchaser.

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><p>After tailing Moonchaser for three hours of flight, the two of them watched separately as he landed onto the ashen ground of The Hidden Summit.<p>

They landed several feet behind Moonchaser, and watched silently as he stepped over corpses of his kin, his breath ragged and his eyes wet with horrified tears. They looked on, horrorstruck at the scene before them.

'_This is what he survived?'_ Toothless thought as she gazed at the desolate landscape before her, corpses littering the ground, several Skrills among the masses.

Suddenly, Moonchaser gave a long, thundering, mournful roar, the loudest Toothless had ever heard, and broke down as he stopped a few feet from the electrocuted corpses of a mother and two hatchlings. She died in an effort to protect them, her fear still evident on her scorched features.

"_**They're all deadâ€¦ J-Just likeâ€¦ Just l-like homeâ€¦ THEY'RE ALL FUCKING DEAD!" **_Moonchaser boomed at the sky as his rage surfaced.

"**E-Einarâ€¦ I'm s-sorry." **Hakan told him somberly.** >"SORRY WON'T BRING THEM BACK!" Moonchaser bellowed at the ground as his tears flowed freely from his eyes as the flashback from _that night _returned to his vision.

"**Einar," **Toothless warned, but he was in a trance, unable to hear her.

The Skrills that burned his colony. The Skrills that killed his friends.

"_**Noâ€¦ please..." **_He whimpered quietly.

The Skrill that killed his father.

"_**NO!"**_

The Skrill that _beheaded _his mother.

"_**NO! I DON'T WANT TO REMEMBER IT! PLEASE! P-Pleaseâ€¦"**_ He begged through his sobs, but finished in a whimper.

Toothless stepped forward. **"Einarâ€¦ I'm sorry."** Toothless said

slowly as she embraced him.

"**Please, come back to usâ€¦"** She pleaded quietly to him, his breath becoming stable and his sobs quieting.

"**I-I'm s-sorryâ€¦ I didn****'t****â€¦ I didn't mean it, Hakanâ€¦" **

After several still, tense moments, Moonchaser lifted his head from Toothless and looked to Hakan.

"**I'm sorryâ€¦ I-I almost killed youâ€¦" **He choked out, before moving to him and embracing Hakan in a tight hug with his wings.

"_**It's okay, little brotherâ€¦ You're safe. **_**He**_** is not going to find you."**_ The Skrill whispered soothingly to Moonchaser.

After another moment, Moonchaser spoke, this time his voice was steadier. **"What post did the strike come from?" **He asked lowly.

"**ÅŒshan tani, North of h-" **Hakan replied, but then growled in realization.

"**I don't care if they did this, it would make you no better than them." **Hakan told Moonchaser who seemed to be deep in thought, scales still stained with tears.

"**You're wrongâ€¦ This will be a strike **_**back,**_** not a genocide..."** Moonchaser replied darkly.

"**Don't do this! The act of war you are about to commit is cruel!" **Hakan argued.

"**WAR IS CRUEL, HAKAN! The crueler it is, **_**the sooner it will be over."**_ Moonchaser finished darkly, before blasting into the sky with an earth-shattering boom.

Toothless and Hakan gave silent chase.

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><p>"What is the deal with you two?" Toothless interrupted the quiet to call angrily to Hakan, though she knew he was not to blame as they sped through the clouds in pursuit of Moonchaser.

"**What do you mean?" **Hakan answered.**
>"I mean, why didn't he incinerate you when he saw your mark, and you said 'Remember Winter, Brother'." Toothless interrogated.

"**There is more to his past than he may have revealedâ€¦"** Hakan replied.

-Hakan, ****6** Winters Old, 12 Miles South of the Arctic Circle-**

A six-year-old Skrill wallowed in the freezing white powder, covering his scales as the cold penetrated into the depths of his core. He was alone, but around him were others of his kind, yet they weren't in his eyes. They were demons. They were the ones that killed his family and forced him into the role soldier, no, a _murderer._

His father had joined the Order of the Dawn to follow his younger brother, to keep him safe. However, when he began to ask questions, he was _silenced, _along with his brother and sister.

The youngling hungrily wandered into the snow covered taiga in search of food, the scraps the adults had left him had either frozen or blown away in the whiteout.

Suddenly, he heard a rustling sound off from a frozen pine-bush to his left. Curious and hungry, he rushed into the foliage, only to find a strange looking Night Fury hatchling adorned with green, tattoo-like marks on his head, back, wings and tail gorging on a dead fox. Instantly, the youngling lunged for the blue hatchling and pinned his weak body against the snow.

However, just before the little black dragon raised his paw to slit the Skrill's throat, the two looked into each-other's eyes, and saw the _exact same pain _in one another as they did in themselves.

Almost immediately, the Night Fury let up the Skrill, and stood silently, refusing to look at him.

"**C-Can I have some o-of that?" **Hakan asked as his frail body shivered in the frigid night air.

The Night Fury looked from Hakan to the fox, and back again before tearing a leg from the fox and placing it in front of the dark blue Skrill.

The two of them ate silently, never once breaking eye contact as if they were trying to learn every detail about each other from simply looking into their eyes.

"**Wh-What's your n-name?" **Hakan shivered.

"**Moonchaser. Why are you out here?"" **The ebony youngling inquired sternly.

"**The Order. They f-forced me into th-their ranks. They k-kiled my family."** He responded somberly, after a few tense moments.

"**I am out here because of the Order, too. They burned my colony to ash, and slaughtered everyone I knew. I was the only one to escapeâ€¦" **He illuminated sadly.

For a moment, the two sat there, processing one another's pasts, when suddenly Moonchaser jumped onto Hakan and covered his maw with a paw as he spread his wings over him, camouflaging them.

Seconds later, an adult Skrill passed by, having heard voices in the treeline. After looking around and finding nothing, he turned back towards the group.

"**There's no-one here. Probably just that hatchling that we've had to drag behind usâ€¦" **He called spitefully to the group aways away.

They waited several moments to be sure they were out of hearing range once more before Moonchaser got off of Hakan.

"**Do you want to escape them?"** Moonchaser asked him in a low whisper.

"**Please, I will do anything, r-" **

"**Good, come with me, hurry." **Moonchaser interrupted as he grabbed what he could carry of the fox, and scampered deeper into the forest.

After what seemed like hours, the duo arrived at a large stone formation constructed naturally out of boulders. Moonchaser led Hakan around a crevasse in the rocks and into a large, above ground cave.

Pulling some dead brush from the corner of the room, Moonchaser started a small fire that lit the inside of the cave and began to warm Hakan's nearly hypothermic body.

-End of Memory-

"**He saved my life twice in the first day that I knew him." **Hakan added as Toothless stared silently at him.

"**We stayed together for two years in that cave, and by the end of the third moon cycle, we were practically brothers. We knew each other's **_**real**_** names, and he gave me the knowledge to speak your language, NÃ³tttala." **Hakan explained.

-Hakan- 8 Winters Old, Moonchaser- 7 Winters Old-

"**I think it is time I leave the Order."** Hakan expressed to his surrogate brother as they fished from a small stream not too far from their home.

Moonchaser stopped fishing and turned to Hakan. **"No. If you can rise in their ranks, we can work together to bring them down, you on the inside, me on the out. My claws are stained already, you just get me the information, and I will carry out what needs to be done. Deal?"** Moonchaser explained cleverly.

After a moment of thought, Hakan agreed. **"Deal."**

-End of Memory-

"**Even at seven years old, he was thinking like a wing-admiral."** Toothless mused, shocked.

"**He was the strategical one of the two of us. He almost always knew what to do. Honestly I think it is partly the only reason he is alive..."** Hakan trailed off.

"**...that was the last time I saw my little brother for three winters." **Hakan finished shallowly.

-Hakan, 11 Winters Old, Moonchaser, 10 Winters Old-

'_Perfect.'_ Hakan thought as he spotted an uninhabited island, a welcome sight after a long day's flight, and dove for it.

As he landed on the soft, white sand, he heard a faint whine of pain. Hakan lifted his head and stalked through the bushes only to find his little brother, beaten and lying in a small pool of his own blood. Hakan spotted a long, jagged laceration that began just under his foreleg that ran the length of his chest, along with a broken wing.

"**EINAR!"**

Hakan immediately snatched grass and moss from surrounding trees and pressed them over the wounds. Over the course of several hours, the bleeding slowed, then stopped completely. Hakan set to work on his wing, pushing the appendage back into place. Once Moonchaser had regained his senses and was no longer delirious, Hakan asked him what had happened.

"**It w-was a strike-team. They ma-managed to track me here af-after I assassinated an o-outpost captain."** He struggled to speak as he laid on his side, whimpering in agony.

"**You shouldn't be so recklessâ€¦" **Hakan disciplined his younger brother as he treated him. **"...one of these days, I won't be here to save your sorry assâ€¦" **He chuckled in an effort to lighten the mood, and Moonchaser smiled.

-End of Memory-

"**I nursed him back to health from the edges of death over the course of three months, and he begged me not to leave. I told him that the Order would hunt us **_**both**_** if I didn't return." **Hakan elaborated.

"**That must've been where he received that scarâ€¦" **Toothless thought aloud.

"**The one on his chest?"** Hakan inquired.

"**Yes. That one. Wait, before you start again, I want to ask you. What about all of the others that seem to be sprinkled across his front, and the few on his back? Where did he get those?"** Toothless pressed.

"**He never told you?"**

"**Noâ€¦" **She answered.

"**I can see whyâ€¦ The Order captured him when he was thirteen winters old. I heard about it as the rumors carried through the Order, but I never saw him. Then one day, he just vanished. Instead of killing him, they tortured him in every way they could think of. Electrocution, slicing, burns. They broke him, and from my experience, I would say that he is practically desensitized to most kinds of pain. All except emotional."** Hakan responded with a mix of sadness and admiration as he looked to Toothless, who stared on,

horrified.

"**We continued monthly meetings on the island for two winters, and then he dropped off the map once more, this time for five years."** Hakan continued.

-Hakan, 18 Winters Old, Moonchaser, 17 winters old-

Hakan landed with the rest of his squad and their escort, an official moving to a new outpost.

Just after they had landed, a large blast exploded nearby, killing the HVA, or High Value Asset. When the smoke cleared, Hakan saw that all three of his patrol member's throats were slit, and the HVA was incinerated.

Standing slowly, he scanned the area for whatever took out his team, and his eyes rested upon Moonchaser standing several feet away, claws and maw covered in blood, a crazed look clouding his gaze.

"**Einar! Are you alright?" **Hakan called to his brother, but his only reply was a quiet, drawn out laugh.

"**Einar is **_**fine!**_** He's killed three captains this winter. **_**Three!**_**"** Einar replied as he grit his teeth, teetering on the verge of complete insanity.

Hakan nervously approached his brother, speaking in a quiet, soothing tone to calm him down. Once calm, Einar rushed forward and tightly embraced Hakan, tears flowing from his eyes.

"**I-I'm sor-sorry. I-I am so so-sorry, Brother. Iâ€¦ I am n-not myself. The f-flashbacksâ€¦ the me-memories! Th-They're r-realâ€¦ I t-tried f-finding you, b-but I couldn't!" **Moonchaser confessed into his brother's shoulder, bawling like a hatchling.

"_**Shhhhh, Einar, I'm here. It's okay. They're not real, just memoriesâ€¦ They can't hurt you... " **_Hakan assured his lost brother with quiet whispers.

"**P-Please don't leaveâ€¦ P-Please, I-I love you."** Moonchaser pleaded.

"_**I won't leave, I will stay right here. Don't worry, I love you too, okay? It will be alright." **_Hakan continued to whisper, calming Moonchaser.

"**P-Promise?" **Moonchaser asked shakily.

"_**Of course. You're my brother, remember?" **_He asked.

"**Y-Yeah, I am." **Moonchaser replied, before lying beside Hakan, who whispered him to sleep.

'_Please be alright, for me, little brother. I need you, too.'_ He thought as he wrapped his wings around him and followed his brother to sleep.

-End of Memory-

"**I stayed with him for two months, slowly bringing him back to a stable level. When I was sure he was going to be alright, I let him venture once more. From that point on we have seen one another once every two months or so. We need one another to survive mentally, not physically." **Hakan concluded and looked over to Toothless, who had silent tears streaking down her face.

"**I-I'm so sorry, for how I reacted to you earlier. I had no idea you two ran this deep." **Toothless apologized.

"**It's alright. I understand, you just want to protect him." **Hakan said.

"**Yes, I do. I do have to ask, is he stillâ€¦ sane?"** She replied.

"**Yes, he is. Sadly, his rage comes from a source that will only be extinguished with the downfall of the Order. You are here now, and from the looks of it, you are his anchor. However, I am worried that he may tip over that point once more. **Hakan expressed his worries to Toothless.

"**You think he will go insane?"** She asked worriedly.

"**No, one who has already tasted the hellfires of insanity can not revert there once again. They just lose their personality. However, I believe it would be different for Einar, I believe that instead of losing himself, he will purposely distance himself from all who care for him in an attempt to protect them. He will lose what remorse he has left and will become **_**a weapon.**__**There will be no stopping him if that happens.**_**" **

After she remained silent for several moments, Hakan spoke again. **"EydÃ-s, you and I are the only ones keeping him from that. If I hadn't found him four years ago and he hadn't found you recently, he would be there already. We have to be his anchors. **_**I can only do this with you, do you understand?"**_

Hiccup remained silent as he slowly processed the information.

"**Yes, I do. Now, **_**let's go find my mate."**_She replied in a serious tone.

In less than an hour, they caught up to Moonchaser, the Order outpost in sight. **"Please, just turn back! We can go about this a different way!"** Hakan called in an effort to reach out to him.

'_**I have made my choice and the Order has made theirs. Please, turn back, I will return to the colony at dawn.' **_Moonchaser replied, unable to speak verbally. His marks were ablaze, white-and-green smoke was billowing from either side of his maw along with overly-bright light shining from his jaws, accented by a sharp, crystalline crackling sound emanating from his mouth.

_'He must've been charging that the entire way hereâ€¦ His gas has compressed into a _solid _projectile. Wait, that meansâ€¦ SHIT!'_ Hakan thought, alarmed.

"**TURN BACK, EYDÃ•S! NOW!"** Hakan roared commandingly, and

Toothless obeyed with a worried look, streaking away from Moonchaser and toward Hakan.

After several seconds a loud roar was heard, followed by the firing of a plasma blast. For a few moments, and eerie silence blanketed the sky, but was pierced by a blinding white light, followed by a deafening, rolling boom that resonated behind them. Hiccup looked backward only to see a blinding light emanating from where Moonchaser's blast had impacted the island, engulfing it entirely, a colossal, fiery plume ascending quickly into the sky.

Toothless and Hakan were thrown forward as they struggled to stay in the sky as a thundering shock wave slammed into them, nearly downing both of them. The two re-stabilized and began the flight back to Toothless' home with somber faces, knowing that they had failed each other, and _him._

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><p>Back at the colony, the majority of the Night Fury population was gathered atop the large stone arch overlooking the entire island to discuss the day's events.<p>

"**He was a fri-"** VÃ¡sak began, but was interrupted as a white and green mushroom-like plume peeked over the eastern horizon, illuminating it furiously.

"**What is **_**that**_**?"** A dragon asked as they stared on at the massive plume.

"**I think it'sâ€¦ GET TO COVER!"** VÃ¡sak roared as the realization clicked in his head.

Every present dragon bolted for either the treeline or the cavern below them. Suddenly, the wind picked up as the shock wave trailed behind the gust, slamming into the island with a tremendous force and even splintering some of the massive trees on the cliff-lined coast, followed by a deafening silence.

The sky was alight with fire that night. A second sun had risen, before the dawn of the first.

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><p>Hope you enjoyed this intense chapter! One of my friends, Geoff: "He is EINAR THE ATOM SMASHER!"

Anyways, it was basically crystallized acetylene, no atom smashing here XP.

Hope you enjoyed the chapter, please do leave a review!

12. Chapter 12

**Hello! Here is chapter 12, finallyâ€¦ :P Anyways, thanks to my betas- Turtlefarts27, Sousuke Tenki, and Revanhun!
>And, guess who was discharged from the hospital yesterday? ALLEN!
**By the way, some intense scenes in this chapter, just a warning. Tranations are at the bottom, enjoy the

chapter!**

~Moonchaser

I DO NOT OWN HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON!

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><p>"Has Einar everâ€¦ done that before?" Toothless asked Hakan as they neared the colony.

"**Once, howeverâ€¦" **Hakan replied, finishing in a mumble that went unheard to the other two.

Toothless, Hiccup and Hakan descended as the colony came into view several hours from daybreak. To their surprise, the colony was not yet at rest, but still buzzing with activity.

"**EDYÃ•S! Where have you been? Are you okay?" **Ferinr called to his daughter in a worried tone as her human dismounted.

"**I'm fine dad, don't worry-"
>"Good," He interrupted his daughter and turned to face Hakan. _**"Stay away from my daughterâ€¦"**_ He growled out as he glared at Hakan, who said nothing.

"**Dad, no! You don't understand. Let me explain, where's mom?" **Toothless countered, successfully dissuading her father.

"**With Amir. It's going to rain soon and we are still trying to figure out what the hell caused that plume of fire..." **Ferinr stated absentmindedly as he diverted his attention to those who were conversing, flying between groups, or trying to treat those few that had received wounds from the concussive force of the shockwave.

"**Okay. Let's go, Hiccup. Hakan?"** Toothless answered, queuing Hiccup to mount the saddle, drawing her father's attention back to her.

"**No, **_**he st-"**_ Ferinr began, but was cut off by Toothless._**

>"HE COMES!"_ She nearly roared at him, bristling with irritation at her father's stubbornness, before launching into the sky with Hakan close behind. Distressed, Ferinr followed.

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><p>Cira was perplexed as her daughter landed on the lip of the dwelling, "He is family, treat him like it." Toothless said with a vexed expression sprawled across her face, Hiccup stepping off her.

"**Who are yo-"** Cira began to ask, but got her answer as Hakan stepped through the door, followed by Ferinr.

"**What is that?"** Amir asked in his usual curious tone as he looked to a species of dragon he had never laid eyes upon before, but was ushered by a paw behind his mother.

"**My name is Hakan, I am Einar's brother."** The Skrill explained to Toothless' family, earning confused and distrustful looks.

Hakan sighed, and began to tell them how he became the Night Fury's surrogate brother.

A half hour had elapsed when Hakan concluded the story, holding back nothing. All four remained silent after Hakan had finished, when suddenly, Ferinr broke the silence, **"I apologize for being so stubborn and standoffish." **

"**You had a good reason to be, after all, **_**you'd do anything to protect your family.**_**"** Hakan replied, looking to Toothless with a knowing look.

However, before said female could begin, Cira asked, **"Where is Einar?"**

Toothless sighed. **"We are unsure where he is **_**exactly, **_**but I can tell you what caused that explosion, and where we were."** Toothless responded a bit darkly.

Cira and Ferinr shared a glance, before looking to Hakan, who nodded to Toothless.

"**Einar caused that explosion. It was him."** She admitted.

"_**What?**_**"** Her parents asked in sync.

"**You remember the Burning, right?"**

"**Of course. Wh-"** Ferinr began.

"**It happened again. This time at ****Falinn LeiÃ°togafundi. The Elders are the only ones besides us who have found out."** Toothless informed them, somberly.

The silence was deafening. It was if all of the air had been sucked out of the room.

"**I flew here as soon as I received my orders. I informed Einar, and he snapped. We followed him for three hours to the colony, and after some words, he bolted toward the outpost responsible for the genocide, planning to avenge the colony. We were unable to dissuade him. That explosion that you saw was the incineration of an Outpost named The Ocean's Valley, or ÅŒshan Tani, in **_**our**_** language. We do not know where he is now, but he did tell us that he would return by dawn."** Hakan explained as he and Hiccup shifted uncomfortably as Toothless' parents remained speechless.

"**Your turn. Dad, how many were injured by the shockwave?" **Toothless interrogated in a desperate attempt to break the recurring silence and deviate from the current topic.

"**Not many. Ten I think, nothing serious."** Ferinr said as he continued to process the information.

"**Good. W-"** Toothless began, but was cut short when VÃ¡sak landed at the lip of the dwelling.

"**Beta! Einar is back he is at the Kell's Reach, he has a prisoner with him. You should come, now!"** The Guardian hastily informed her.

'_He's doing itâ€¦'_ Hakan thought to himself, shocked.

"**Come on!"** Toothless shouted as Hiccup climbed back onto her, before streaking into the cold air with Hakan, joining VÃ¡sak.

'_This is going to be a rough winterâ€¦'_ Ferinr mused, looking to the clouded sky as rain began to fall. Sighing, he followed his mate and daughter, Amir upon his back.

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><p>(Intense scene ahead)

-Moonchaser; minutes after detonation-

Moonchaser huffed as the fire and smoke ascended into the lower atmosphere, and cleared his view.

The island was gone, nothing left. He growled as he saw movement from the corner of his eye.

'_A stragglerâ€¦ surprised it was far enough away to survive thatâ€¦ not for long though.'_ Moonchaser thought with a dark smile as he dove towards the dragon.

'_It's justâ€¦ gone. Best return to Ishi No Shimaâ€¦ Captain Asahi will want t-'_ The Skrill thought feverishly before she was cut off by a force slamming into her flank, splintering the bones in wings.

"**AARHG! What the f-"** The silvery dragon-of-lightning exclaimed as she was snatched by something and was being held over the ocean. She looked up to see a Night Fury, much bigger than any she'd ever lay eyes upon with tattoo-like markings glowing furiously upon his scales.

"**I just shattered your wings. If I drop you, you drown. **_**Now, **_**with that in mind, **_**where is the nearest outpost?"**_ Moonchaser interrogated through his clenched teeth.

"**R-Reaper! You did this!"** She exclaimed in reference to the incinerated island as realization of who this dragon was clicked into her mind.

"**Yes, I did. I will ask **_**one**_** more time,**_** where is the nearest outpost?"**_ Moonchaser growled out again as he began to push his claws into her sides as he held her suspended above the water with three of his legs.

"**T-Thirty minutes average f-flight north..."** She answered in a pained voice, glaring at her assailant.

"**What is its name?"** He pressed. The female remained silent.

Moonchaser growled and raked his claws down her side with a free forepaw.

"**Ishi No Shima!"** She cried out in pain.

"**There, was that so hard?"** Moonchaser taunted, glaring at the female as he began to loosen his grip on her.

Her eyes widened, **"NO! PLEASE! **_**I have hatchlings!" **_She pleaded, tears welling up as she pondered the consequences of her death.

Her spirits slightly a miniscule amount as the large dragon remained silent, as if pondering her plea. Moonchaser chuckled lowly as he moved his head down beside hers. _**"So did they."**_ He whispered darkly before he released the female, who screamed out before she was silenced with a splash as the ocean took her, leaving no sound but the faint swirling of waves.

'_Time to pay The Island of Stone a visit.'_ He thought darkly as he looked down upon the dark waves glinting with the faint remainder of firelight in the sky.

Grunting, he blasted north.

After fifteen minutes of high-speed flight, the island came into view, an odd-shaped slab of rock in the middle of the sea, made entirely out of octogonal, stone pillars varying in height.

'_Hmmm. I suppose that is why it's called 'Island of Stone'...'_ Moonchaser mused as he ascended just below the cloudline and began to circle the island, scanning for anyone with any distinction, handing out orders, etc.

After a moment, he saw three dragons land beside a dark-red colored Skrill.

'_There you are, Captain.' _Moonchaser thought to himself as he watched the Skrill stalk back up to his dwelling in the rocks accompanied by three Skrills.

'_Unprotected dwellingâ€¦ foolish.'_ He mused as he dove silently, extinguishing his marks and allowing himself to become almost invisible against the moonless, clouded sky.

Moonchaser landed swiftly and unseen near the entrance, and listened.

"**Captain, ÅŒshan Tani is justâ€¦ gone. Whatever caused that explosion, it incinerated the island."** One of the apparent scouts relayed.

The maroon-scaled Skrill remained silent, and another scout continued, **"Saito did not make it. We do not know where she went, she told us to split up, and when we went looking for her, we found nothing."** He admitted.

After a few moments of silence, the Captain spoke in a deep, scratchy voice with a heavy accent, **"Thank you. That will be all."**

The three Skrills nodded and flew from the dwelling. After a moment, Moonchaser smirked and stalked inside silently.

Suddenly, Moonchaser launched at the Skrill, pinning him to his chest as he stood upright, a set of claws to his throat.

"**Make a sound and it will be the end of you, understand?"** He threatened.

Moments passed, and the Skrill gave a curt nod.

"**Good."** Moonchaser replied before giving him a sharp blow to the back of the head.

Dragging the unconscious dragon outside, being careful to remain unseen, he managed to hoist the Captain into the air, and began his flight back toward Brotnum SkÃ³glendi.

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><p>(Andâ€¦ some language ahead)

The seven dragons landed on the arch to see Moonchaser with a barely conscious Skrill.

"**SAKARÃ•AS! TIME TO PAY FOR YOUR HERESY!"** He roared out, catching the attention of the three Elders.

"**Einar! What are you talking about?"** AnÃ-ka asked, alarmed.

Toothless was about to move, but Hakan stopped her. **"Let him do this."** Toothless gave him a worried glance.

Inside his dwelling, SakarÃ-as sighed. **"I love you, but I have to go. Please, stay in here."** He said somberly to his barely awake mate as she nuzzled him. **"Okay. Be back soon."** She said with a purr, unknowing of what awaited her mate outside.

'_I knew this day would come. It seems as if my demons have found me, through the son of the colony's Kell I indirectly exterminated. Irony is a bitchâ€¦ Let's just get this over with. I deserve to die, I just hope he makes it quick.'_ He mused shallowly.

SakarÃ-as the Overwatch stepped from his dwelling slowly, head held low.

"**LOOK AT ME!"** Moonchaser demanded.

The adult raised his gaze somberly only to meet the sight of Moonchaser, acidic green eyes constricted into slits and his tail thrashing violently with his earplates pressed to his head, teeth visible in his snarl, his luminous markings glowing so viciously that they became hot, the rain turning to steam at the touch casting a mist illuminated with green light.

'_He looks like a ghostâ€¦' _Toothless thought to herself as she saw her mate shrouded by a greenlit cloak of steam.

SakarÃ-as was the only one aside from Hakan who knew what was about to happen, all others watching intently.

"**Take Amir away from here."** Moonchaser said lowly to Cira, his glare never leaving the Kell.

Without thinking, Cira took Amir and flew.

"**I know why you are here, Einar. Alpha and technical Kell of the Lost Colony, EilÃ-ft SjÃ³, son of AnÃ³r the Keeper."** SakarÃ-as said calmly, accepting his impending fate.

'_Einar is the son of AnÃ³r? That meansâ€¦ woahâ€¦' _Toothless thought, her thoughts mirroring those of all others present.

"_**Don't you say his name! You don't fucking deserve to!"**_ Moonchaser bellowed at the heretic, letting his rage flow freely.

"**I know what I did is wrong, but **_**I had no choice.**_**" **He countered, teeth clenched.

"_**And why is that?"**_ The Alpha replied in a hateful whisper.

"**They were going to kill meâ€¦"** The Kell admitted.

"**YOUR LIFE WASN'T WORTH THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF LIVES THAT YOUR COWARDICE COST!"** Moonchaser roared back.

"**Einar, stop! What is going on?"** AslÃ¡kur interjected.

"**Tell him." **The Alpha commanded the Skrill who laid at his feet as he placed a claw at the nape of his neck.

Blinking a few times, the Skrill began, **"Seventeen w-winters ago, the Captain before me had threatened a K-Kell, **_**that one**_**, ordering him to pull all Vanguard units out of the colony called the Eternal Sea three days before the a-attack."** The Skrill admitted.

"**That order was carried out by **_**SakarÃ-as. **_**Had the Vanguard been present, the attack could have been fended off.**_**"**_VÃ¡sak commented, moving beside Moonchaser.

"**SakarÃ-as?"** His mate asked with a mortified expression as she looked to him from their dwelling above.

"**It is true. I sacrificed the lives of th-thhousands for my own. **_**Einar, pleaseâ€¦ it haunts me, just kill me."**_ He finished in a whisper, refusing to look his mate in the eye.

Moonchaser almost exploded with rage. **"You're a fucking coward! **_**You don't deserve death**_**."** He stated as he looked to AslÃ¡kur, who knew what the Alpha wanted to do, and nodded slowly.

"**You will bare the mark of a traitor, stripped of your title, and

be sent off."** Moonchaser declared as he slowly walked toward SakarÃ-as, teeth glinting.

"**Noâ€¦ NO! Please!"** He exclaimed.

"**Pin him." **He ordered. Two Guardians came from the circle that had formed and pinned the Kell's chest to the ground. He cried out in pain as Moonchaser dug two, deep gashes into his back with his claws, meeting at a point, and finished with a symbol on the nape of his neck. Satisfied with the mark, Moonchaser cauterized the profusely bleeding gashes, the rain washing away the blood, instantly turning them into scars.

"**Take him to the cliffs."** The Alpha ordered the two, before snapping the Captain's neck and following the two, dragging the corpse to the pointed cliff several hundred feet away.

SakarÃ-as continued to plea as his breathing became ragged, but soon ceased his cries, accepting his punishment.

Once at the cliffs, the two furies released him, followed by Moonchaser and HlÃ-far.

The Alpha simply dropped the Skrill's lifeless body off into the ocean, before he turned to SakarÃ-as.

"**Tell me, SakarÃ-as. **_**How does it feel to betray your own race?"**_ Moonchaser asked spitefully. The former Kell shamefully averted his gaze.

"**You will fly from here, and never return. You will live the remainder of your time in isolation, shunned by your kin. Leave this place."** HlÃ-far commanded, and shoved SakarÃ-as off the cliff.

SakarÃ-as closed his eyes and gave a small smile, not of happiness, but of relief. Instead of opening his wings, he kept them folded to his side.

'_I'm sorry.'_ Was his final thought before he impacted the water with a sickening sound, and disappeared beneath the waves.

Moonchaser looked over the cliff and snarled. **"Suicide..."** He thought aloud before roaring down at the waves. He turned back to the large group of dragons assembled under the arch, anger still simmering, and began to pad toward them.

His anger slowly subsided as he stalked through the crowd, the downpour continuing to pelt his scales as he approached VÃ¡sak.

"**Brotnum SkÃ³glendi will need a Kell, VÃ¡sak the Guardian."** Moonchaser said calmly to the Wing-Admiral once he collected himself.

VÃ¡sak froze. After several seconds, he looked to the Elders, who nodded to him, accepting the Alpha's judgement. Slowly, VÃ¡sak stood on his hind legs, and with his wings outstretched, released a bellowing roar into the sky, receiving warbles of approval from the

crowd of furies, accepting him as their new leader.

VÃ¡sak turned to Moonchaser and lowered his head to the Alpha, **"Thank you, friend."**

"**I'll leave you to introduce yourself to the leadership of a tenth of our species."** Moonchaser said with a smirk as the three Elders approached them, before he padded toward Toothless, who had Hiccup under her wing, protected from the rain.

"**How did you know?"** She asked him.

"**Hakan told me."** He said as he gestured to the Skrill standing a few feet away.

"**Who was that Skrill? I remember seeing him somewhere, but I can't remember where."** Hakan interjected.

"**He was the Captain of Ishi No Shima."** Moonchaser replied.

"**Wait, **_**you can speak their language?"**_ Toothless asked, shocked.

"**I taught him when we were young. I told you this, remember?"** Hakan provided.

"Listen, it has been a long night. The sun is almost up and no-one has had a wink of sleep. Can we just go to bed?" Hiccup intervened tiredly.

Toothless chuckled. **"I agree. Dad, can you explain what happened to mom?"**

"**Yes, I will. You four get some rest. No doubt you will need it tomorrow."** Ferinr answered reassuringly before flying off through the rain.

After a moment, Hakan turned to leave but was stopped by Moonchaser. **"I am not leaving my brother to sleep out in the rain. You **_**are **_**coming with us."** Moonchaser declared in a mock-serious tone.

Hakan chuckled, **"Thank you." **Before the four of them ascended into the air.

Toothless was relieved as their temporary home came into view.

"Finally! I _hate _flying in rain." Hiccup complained as they landed inside the dwelling and dismounted.

"**I could've let you walk, you know."** Toothless countered as Hiccup undressed himself, peeling off his leather riding suit.

"**You humans are rather frail-looking."** Hakan commented as he looked over Hiccup, eyeing his prosthetic leg.

"**Oh, you would be surprised what a 'frail human' such as I can

accomplish with a dragon's help."** He retorted as he slipped into a dry tunic. Toothless huffed in agreement.

The room began to gradually cool despite the three dragons inside and Hiccup shivered slightly.

"**Looks like that rain really chilled you. Come here."** Toothless chuckled as she slinked herself between her mate's wings.

Hiccup stood from his furs and walked over his dragon, dragging them behind him.

"Wait, won't the tree catch fire?!" He asked in alarm as Toothless began to heat the wood with a low burn.

"**No, it won't. They have so much water in them that they are nearly impossible to burn down. It would take an intense flame to do such a thing."** She answered as Hiccup moved a fur over the spot and laid on it, sighing in relief as his tired body came to rest on the now warm, soft material.

"**Thank you for inviting me into your temporary home, both of you."** Hakan said once again as he laid himself down on the floor of the den.

"**No need to thank either of us. Einar said that you were family, and any part of his family is part of mine. Just get some rest."** Toothless replied with a smile, before she closed her eyes. Hakan looked to Moonchaser, who smiled as he rested his head and closed his eyes, the patter of rain lulling the four of them to sleep.

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><p>Moonchaser was torn from a nightmare, grasping at his chest as if it were aflame. 'They're getting worse.' The large dragon sighed as he looked around him as he calmed himself, eyes dilating to account for the pre-sun darkness that prevailed over the island. He stood gingerly as to not wake the others inside, and crept to the entrance.

The Alpha growled lowly as he coughed once, tasting blood on his sandpapery tongue, and took flight.

Moonchaser closed his eyes and exhaled slowly as the stress of the last thirty-six hours was flushed from his mind while he drifted above the wet treetops. Deciding against returning to sleep just yet, he glided toward a cliff near the Kell's Reach overlooking the shattered coast of the island, the sharp, ebony rocks glistening with rainwater from hours past.

His claws clicked at the stone as he landed on the slick rock, the faint crashing of waves audible as they smashed against the broken coastline below him.
>After a few moments, Moonchaser's earplates perked as he heard someone approaching. Turning, his eyes met a set fluorescent orange irises.<p>

"**Couldn't sleep either?"** VÃ¡sak inquired as he padded next to his newfound friend.

"**No."** Came the Alpha's reply.

"**Was it what happened today?"** The Kell asked the large dragon.

"**More like what is **_**going **_**to happen. What I did to that outpost, was a prelude. **_**A prelude to war, VÃ¡sak. **_**You may not know it, but it has already begun,"** Moonchaser conveyed as he looked to face his companion. **"I want to make sure you know that this will be the one to end all conflicts between us and the Order of the Dawn, one way or another. I will be returning to Berk with EdyÃ-s soon, but I want a strong tie between here and there. If you ever need help, I **_**will**_** come to your aid."** The Alpha explained to his friend reassuringly.

He sighed. **"I know that, and I know that I **_**will**_** need your help. I have already sent couriers to the ten remaining colonies to call for a Council of the Kells, along with the Elders. They will be here before this afternoon. I want you and your human friend to join us. That way we can discuss an alliance between this human settlement and the Ten Colonies."** He stated, looking up at the younger dragon beside him.

"**And so I will. I fear that bad days are ahead of us, VÃ¡sak. **_**Everyone must be ready for whatever the Order can throw at us.**_**" **

"**I know that well. But let me tell you something; I am going on forty this winter, I am now a Kell and remain a Wing Admiral, a single father of a ten winter old hatchling, NjÃ¡ll, who acts more like my best friend than my son, a loving sister, and friends I can depend on. No matter the circumstances. I don't care what they throw at us, **_**there are no bad days, just hard ones.**_**" **VÃ¡sak explained with a smile as he pondered the coming events of winter.

"**I honestly wish I could say the same about myself."** He replied humorously.

"**What, being a father? Your time will come soon, I have no doubt. After all, **_**it seems like EdyÃ-s loves her oversized Alpha more than anyone."**_ VÃ¡sak cracked.

Moonchaser shot him a look that could wilt a flower.

"**Alright, alright!" ** VÃ¡sak chortled with laughter as Moonchaser began to bat him with his tailfins.** "But in all seriousness, thank you. Without you, EdyÃ-s, and your Skrill friend, the Order would still be pulling strings here."** He thanked him, dipping his head.

"**You're welcome."** Moonchaser answered, returning the gesture.

VÃ¡sak looked upwards. **"It will be dawn soon. Best if both of us return to those who are waiting."** He commented.

"**Yes. I will speak with you later today, VÃ¡sak."**

"**I plan on it, Einar." **He concluded.

"**Wait, before you go. Is KrÃ-a still alive?"** Moonchaser asked hopefully.

"**Yes, she is. She is currently in the Whitescale region, however I am confident that she will be back today with the rest of the Kells, she will be on escort duty. You'll get to see her again, don't worry."** He explained before retiring back toward the Reach as Moonchaser flew off.

As VÃ¡sak returned to his new den in the Reach, he found his son at the entrance, apparently he had been watching the two converse.

"**I didn't know you were awake, NjÃ¡ll." **He said his youngling as he nuzzled him gently.

"**Dad, how did you and the Alpha meet?"** The leafy-orange eyed youngling asked out of curiosity.

"**I met Einar about two winters before you were born. He was your age, actually."** His father began as he motioned for his son to lay. Lying near his father, NjÃ¡ll looked to him with curious, waiting eyes, silently urging him to begin.

"**I was out on patrol with my unit, and KrÃ-a spotted a flash of light. We dove and landed on the beach, when KrÃ-a was briefly stunned by a blast."** He started as he looked to his captivated son.

"**I almost killed him, but KrÃ-a stopped me."** He said, going no further.

"**Really? Andâ€¦ he's your friend now?" **NjÃ¡ll inquired, tilting his head.

VÃ¡sak chuckled. **"Yes. But that is all I will tell you for now. Let's get some sleep, it will be morning soon."** He stated before torching the stone beneath him.

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><p>Morning came pleasantly that morning, the sun shining through the cloudless sky, upon the wet, glistening foliage of The Fractured Woodland. Moonchaser awoke to find all four of his companions sleeping soundly inside the wooden dwelling. Unraveling himself from his mate, he crept to the entrance. Digging his claws into a damp tree limb, he stalked higher to a clearing of branches, the soggy lichen flattening under his paws.<p>

Reaching the natural vacancy, Moonchaser lifted his head into the cool wind as the morning sun shone upon his ebony scales, warming them.

"**Good morning, **_**Kell.**_**"** Called a feminine voice behind him, drawing him from his thoughts as he looked behind him to see Toothless.

He hummed as he repositioned himself on the branch to nuzzle her neck. **"Please don't call me thatâ€¦ And good morning to you, too."**

Toothless returned the gesture. **"Winter is almost upon us**_**.**_**" **She commented. Moonchaser instantly understood and smiled.

"**How long would you say?" **He chuckled as he gave one of her earplates a lick.

She gazed up at him. **"About two weeks. I can already tell."** She responded, giving him a questioning look.

Moonchaser sighed. **"It will take someâ€¦ **_**trying**_**. You know that, don't you? It rarely occurs after just onceâ€¦ A-And coupled with everything going on..." **He trailed off somewhat nervously as he continued to nuzzle his mate. **"You're ramblingâ€¦"** She said with a laugh. Moonchaser stopped and gave her a deadpanned look.

"**I do know that. And don't worry, I agree with you. But after this rolls over, **_**you will be a father.**_**" **She continued humorously, brushing him intimately with her tail.

Moonchaser chuckled. **"I'll look forward to it."** He replied, regaining his composure.

"**Should we wake them?"** Toothless asked, motioning down the branch.

Moonchaser shook his head. **"They need to rest. How about we find something to do until they wake?" **He asked Toothless, who smirked.

"**I know of something that couldâ€¦ occupy us." **She answered. Moonchaser sighed. _'That isn't what I meantâ€¦ Not that I'm complaining.'_ He mused to himself as he followed his mate off the branch.

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><p>Toothless landed with a soft thud inside the dwelling followed by Moonchaser, only to find both Hakan and Hiccup somewhat awake.<p>

"**Did you two just rise?"** Toothless teased.

Hiccup yawned. "Yeah, where have you two been? It's almost noon." He asked. Toothless' facial scales darkened and Moonchaser shuffled a bit. Hakan began to snicker.

"What?" Hiccup asked, confused. Hakan gave a sideways smirk as he leaned forward slowly next to Hiccup's head and whispered, never breaking eye contact with Moonchaser.

Hiccup's eyes slowly widened as he looked to the two with a smirk on his face, before breaking out in laughter.

"**I don't see what is so funny, do you?"** Toothless asked Moonchaser, managing to cease her blushing.

"**Not at all. Hakan, could you enlighten us?"** He asked with grin,

slowly stepping toward his surrogate brother.

"**Noâ€¦ that's not fair."** He complained.

"**What's wrong? Are you **_**jealous...?**_**"** He whispered.

"**That youâ€¦" **Moonchaser continued quietly as he stalked closer.

"**Don'tâ€¦"**

"_**Get any?**_**" **He finished in a whisper beside Hakan's head, audible only to the himself and Hakan, who gave a mix between a growl and a whimper.

Moonchaser burst into laughter. **"You cracked!"** He taunted Hakan.

"**Whateverâ€¦" **Hakan responded dismissively before tackling Moonchaser, who barked in surprise.

After several moments of nonsense, Hiccup looked to Toothless. "Should we stop them?"

She laughed. **"No, this is hilarious. Just watch."** She answered, snickering at the duo, wrestling like hatchlings.

A minute or so later, Moonchaser rolled Hakan and pinned him on his side, chuckling. **"I win, again." **He declared as he stepped off his brother.

"**Yeah. After you turned fifteen, you were too big to pin!"** Hakan countered, laughing. However, the smile dropped from his face as Moonchaser descended into a furious set of heaves and coughs, groaning as he collapsed, blood spitting from his maw.

"**Einar!"** The trio exclaimed, rushing to his side as Moonchaser stood shakily.

"**You kno-"** Hakan began, but was interrupted by Moonchaser.**

>"I'll be fineâ€¦" Moonchaser trailed off, eyes downcast.

"**No, **_**you remember what happened la-**_**" >_**"I said I'll be fine!"**_Moonchaser roared, before launching out of the dwelling.

Toothless and Hiccup both gave Hakan a nervous, expectant glance.

"**Laterâ€¦"** He replied, before following Moonchaser.

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><p>The four sat near Hiccup as he stirred his small fire near the reservoir, silently devouring their meal.<p>

"**I'm going to go find myself another fish."** Hakan informed them

as he stood and padded toward the water.

"**I have to make a choice soon. Either go through the resignation, or return to the Order."** Hakan commented as he walked toward them, finishing a fish as VÃ¡sak landed near them.

Moonchaser sighed. **"We'll talk later."** He said quietly to Hakan, looking to VÃ¡sak.

"**Good morning, VÃ¡sak." **Moonchaser called to the Kell as he stood, his irate mood still clinging to him.

"**I have good news, the Whitescale Kellress, Ylja of HvÃ-turjÃ¶rÃ°um, her Elders, and the Guardians are nearing as we speak. KrÃ-a is with them."** He informed the larger dragon with a smile, dipping his head.

"**Excellent. Do you have any other intel on the others?"** He asked, a smile creeping onto his face, forgetting the earlier incident.

"**They will be here by sundown. Come on, I will show you to them."** He answered, before launching into the sky. Moonchaser barked to his companions before following VÃ¡sak, Hakan, Toothless, and Hiccup in tow.

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><p>Hiccup's jaw dropped open as his eyes fell upon eight white-scaled Night Furies.<p>

"They're _white!_" He exclaimed as they drew near.

Moonchaser warbled something inaudible to Hiccup as they landed before stalking toward one of the snow colored Night Furies. Moonchaser smiled humorously as he sat patiently behind her, watching her take in everything before her, completely oblivious.

After a moment, he spoke. **"KrÃ-a?"**

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><p>There's chapter 12, and chapter thirteen is underway! Leave a review! Oh, speaking of review, we are approaching 50 reviews! You guys are awesome! Anyways, the 50th reviewer will get something story related, although I haven't decided whatâ€¦ Thanks to all who reviewed, favorited, or followed:

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TRANSLATIONS!

Ishi No Shima (Japanese)- Island of Stone

ÅŒshan Tani (Japanese)- Ocean Valley

EilÃ-ft SjÃ³ (Icelandic)- Eternal Sea

13. Chapter 13: The More the Merrier

I'M NOT DEAD! Anyways, I decided to buck it up and finish this chapter when I got done studying before I called it for the night. Also, I'm not sure how FF works with computers, so this chapter's format may be a bit weird, as I FINALLY GOT MYSELF A COMPUTER! This is the first chapter not written and posted on my Galaxy S4! *hugs laptop* I know, it's not super long, but I decided to give you guys a four and a half thousand word chapter _tonight, _rather than give you guys a nine-thousand word chapter in like, two weeks. Good news is that break starts on Friday, so I will be free for a while at last!

ON A DIFFERENT NOTE, I am going ahead and announcing the next three part of What is Within, which I will start when this is done with. Part one, which I have finally gotten around to titling, is "Winter's Dawn". The second part will be "The Ebony King", and I have yet to title the third (yay procrastination!). Also, for anyone here interested, I started writing the prequel to What is Within, titled** "RannsÃ³knum" meaning "Trials". Yay progress!**

So, anyway, enjoy chapter 13!

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><p>KrÃ-a jolted slightly as her breath hitched in her throat, before swiveling around, eyes wide and mouth parted slightly.<p>

"**Einar!"** She exclaimed happily as she rushed to him, lightly embracing him with her wings. Moonchaser could only smile.

'_Now who is she?'_ Toothless thought, feeling intimidated as she watched this unfamiliar, violet-eyed dragoness embrace her mate. Hakan noticed her vexed expression as she went to step forward, and stopped her.** "Look closelyâ€¦" **He whispered to her.

"**You've grown.**_** A lot**_**â€¦"** KrÃ-a commented as she stepped away from Moonchaser, a smile on her face, but it suddenly morphed into a scowl as her eyes panned toward the ground.

"_**How did you get that?"**_ She interrogated as she bent downward and sniffed at one of the larger, newer scars on his torso.

Moonchaser remained silent as she pulled back from him and huffed. **"Didn't I tell you to watch yourself?"** She chastised lightly.

"**Yeah, I missed you tooâ€¦" **He joked back as he pressed his forehead into her chest lightly, a maternal gesture.

That's when Toothless understood. _**"A motherâ€¦"**_ She whispered to herself.

"**Correct."** Hakan mused as Hiccup clambered off of Toothless and over to Moonchaser and KrÃ-a.

"I didn't know there were white Night Furies." Hiccup remarked while he walked up to KrÃ-a, who growled lowly at his approach. Hiccup ceased his movements.

"**Relax. He is a friend."** Moonchaser explained.

"**Whose? Because last time I checked, you didn't **_**have**_** any****friends, aside from your brother over there."** She told him, voice laced with sarcasm.

"**Well, a friend of mine and of my beta, who also happens to be my **_**mate**_**." **He stated, gesturing back toward Toothless, who stepped forward.

"**Your mateâ€¦? **_**you're an Alpha?!**_**" **She exclaimed, dipping her head, which was promptly raised by one of his paws.

"**No need for that."** He said as Toothless approached, dipping her head in greetings.

"**Hello, my name is EdyÃ-s. KrÃ-a, was it?" **Toothless introduced

herself as Moonchaser took a step back.

KrÃ-a smiled and nodded, glancing at Hiccup who began approaching slowly once more. Hiccup stilled a few feet in front of KrÃ-a and outstretched his arm, palm hovering just inches in front of the dragoness' head, and waited. Confused, she looked to Moonchaser, who gave a small nod. Breathing deeply, Hiccup's humid scent of leather, Toothless, fire, and wood, entered her nostrils as she took in the human's scent. Warbling quietly, KrÃ-a pressed her nose into his palm.

Hiccup smiled and maneuvered his hand down the side of her head, and began to scratch the underside of her chin, earning himself a throaty purr.

"**I like this human..."** She drawled out, gently lying on her side as Hiccup continued to pet her. Shifting her head, KrÃ-a crooned questioningly as her nose made contact with his metal leg, sniffing at it gingerly.

"That's a long storyâ€¦" Hiccup answered her.

"**Somewhere else?"** Toothless provided, looking to her rider, who nodded. She lowered herself so Hiccup could jump on with ease, before flying upwards into the sky, followed by her companions.

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><p>Landing in the small clearing near the base of the titanic, moss covered tree that housed her family's dwelling, Toothless barked to her family. Hakan shot Moonchaser an urgent glare, but was dismissed with a quiet warble. Lying on the ground, KrÃ-a was approached by Moonchaser who shuffled near her.<p>

Toothless broke the silence. **"So, KrÃ-a. How did you come to meet Einar?" **She asked the snow-colored dragoness across from her while her parents landed, silently falling in line with the topic. KrÃ-a glanced at Moonchaser, who nodded, and she began.

-VÃ¡sak- 28 Winters Old, KrÃ-a- 39 Winters Old, Moonchaser- 10 Winters Old-

VÃ¡sak bid his mate goodbye as he departed for another weekly patrol from their home to a neighboring colony, the moon drifting high into the sky. Rendezvousing with his detail, a third of a Wing, they took to the skies.

"**Think we'll find anything this time, Admiral?" **A sleek, white-scaled female with sea-green eyes, a 'fresh-wing' as they called the new Guardians, asked at his right asked as they soared above the clouds, invisible against the night sky.

"**Depends on how hard you look, KrÃ-a."** VÃ¡sak replied.

And she got the message, scanning the skies with her eyes as they reached the halfway point in their flight. Suddenly, a small flash of green flickered from a piece of land only twice as large as the Berkian Dragon Academy. VÃ¡sak shared glances with the four other furies in his detail, and dove.

"**SafÃ-r and Ã“skar, you two stay in the sky, keep an eye out for anything suspicious. KrÃ-a and Skapti, you're with me."** He ordered as he dove with two of his wingmates. Landing on the beach of the small, brush-covered island, VÃ¡sak twitched his right earplates, and Skapti began to circle the beach. Slowly, KrÃ-a moved forward into the brush, only to be blasted in the chest by a small, stunning blast.

"**KrÃ-a!"** VÃ¡sak and Skapti warbled as they took a defensive stance, watching her stagger out of the greenery. Growling, VÃ¡sak rushed forward to assault the attacker.

He burst through the brush and pinned the assailant, to his surprise, was a Night Fuy not much larger than his tail. VÃ¡sak almost struck before KrÃ-a slammed into his flank, knocking him off of the furious, growling youngling.

"**STAND DOWN! Give us some space!"** KrÃ-a commanded as she looked upon a strange Night Fury ten-year-old in a defensive stance, adorned with green marks. VÃ¡sak backed up a small bit, taken back by her sudden action.

Skapti curiously moved forward while SafÃ-r and Ã“skar observed from above.

"**What are you doing here, young one?"** KrÃ-a asked the young Night Fury, who looked into her eyes and immediately ceased his growling.

'_She has mom's eyesâ€¦' _He thought as he was momentarily enveloped by his thoughts, before he snapped back to reality.

"**Resting. I thought you were the Order."** He admitted with an exhausted tone, relieved at seeing his own kind for the first time in a long while.

That is when it clicked for the others, the five of them sharing uncertain glances.

KrÃ-a broke the silent tension. **"Don't worry, Einar. They won't hurt you whilst we're around, okay?"** She said with a soothing tone and a gentle nuzzle, much to the surprise of everyone present, including Moonchaser.

He responded with a quiet croon, deciding that he should simply enjoy being around others of his kind for the first time in several years, too tired to protest. Slowly, KrÃ-a laid down beside him, enveloping the exhausted dragon in her wings.

Relieved, she looked to VÃ¡sak, only to see a scowl.** "You know nothing about younglings, you haven't raised any, **_**I **_**have. If you're asking for an apology for saving **_**him**_**, you won't get it." **She said sternly. **"You atta-" "Oh, don't be a bitch, Admiral. Go ahead, relieve me for insubordination. I don't feel as if my position is worth a life of a **_**child**_**."** She told him irately, a vexed expression painted across her features. All went silent at the display.

"**I'm not just leaving him here. It is late, **_**we are staying here for the night.**_**" **She added as she looked down to the

clearly worn-out dragon, commandeering the situation. VÃ¡sak muttered something under his breath before he sighed, **"I'm sorry. I wasn't thinking."** He admitted, looking to Moonchaser. SafÃ-r and Ã“skar landed, glancing in KrÃ-a's direction, only to find their infamous assailant comfortably resting in her wings, already asleep.

"**Thank you."** She replied, forgiving her younger superior, before resting her head and falling asleep.

"**Well, this isn't what I expected at all from this missionâ€¦"** Skapti commented, Ã“skar hummed in agreement.

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><p>KrÃ-a awoke groggily just before sunrise, and to her surprise, found that Moonchaser was still there. She hummed and snuffled his head with her snout, causing him to wake with a start.<p>

"**I didn't mean to frighten you. It's morning now, are you hungry?"** She asked quietly as to not wake the rest of her detail, sleeping nearby.

Moonchaser looked up to her, remaining silent for several moments, before he replied. **"Yes."**

"**Good. Would you like me to get you some fish?"** KrÃ-a asked.

"**No. I can do it myself."** He replied before standing, lifting one leg slightly. She looked to his forepaw and growled. Moonchaser remained silent.

"**Come here, **_**now.**_**" **She said, her motherly side taking over as she gently pressed his body to the ground with her head.

She counted. **"Oneâ€¦ Two"** _*pop* _She popped the joint back into place, earning a sharp, pained bark and a quiet growl from Moonchaser.

Slowly, she let the growling youngling up, looking at his leg. **"Better?"** She asked as Moonchaser padded about before giving her a small nod, the pain still present, but dealable.

"**Good. Ready? They're not up yet."** She asked, gesturing to the pile of sleeping furies dotting the sand several feet away.

Moonchaser hummed nervously in agreement, unfamiliar with her hospitality.

The sun began to rise as they reached the shoreline, warming their scales. Moonchaser looked at her white form, basked in sunlight, and tilted his head slightly.

"**What, did you just realize I am a Whitescale?"** She asked humorously as she caught his gaze.

"**I guessâ€¦ Where are you from?"** He responded.

"**The far north. HvÃ-turjÃ¶rÃ°um, the Whitelands."** She explained

with a smile.
>"Well what are you doing in the Blackscale Region?" Moonchaser inquired, his earplates perking upward in curiosity.

"**I have a past that parallels yours in some ways. My name is KrÃ-a. My family died of sickness when I was nine winters old, all except for my older sister and I. So we traveled south. I had taken a liking to Brotnum SkÃ³glendi when we arrived, so we stayed. When I was eighteen, my sister died in an accident, but life went on. I found a mate, who was killed last year on patrol, and raised two. Both of them are grown now and live in the Whitescale region. I have lived the last thirty winters of my life here, and I love it."** She elaborated, looking down to the hatchling at her feet.

Moonchaser let out a small croon in sympathy.

"**Oh, don't feel sorry for me, that was a long time ago. Yes, it was hard, but I have moved past it now. **_**You're**_** the one I keep hearing about. 'Phantom of the Lost Colony' and most recently, 'Einar the Reaper'. You're like, what, ten?"** She inquired humorously as she stepped into the shallow water.

Moonchaser was unsure whether to chortle or growl. **"Yes, but I'm not a hatchlingâ€¦"** This only made KrÃ-a laugh.

"**Of course not, I doubt I could call you a youngling without being growled at!"** She chortled mockingly as she snatched a fish from the water with her icy-white claws.

He could only smile for the first time in ages. They continued to converse, Moonchaser laughing a several times, surprising both himself and KrÃ-a.

Suddenly, Moonchaser took a shot in the dark by pouncing at her flank. Instantly, she understood and began to paw at him, only to be evaded. Chirping, he ran around her, biting with retracted teeth on her tail causing her to run sideways. Releasing the appendage, Moonchaser pursued the larger, snow colored dragon, chirping happily. _'This is the first time I've played with anyone inâ€¦ two winters!' _He thought as he chased her around the perimeter of the small island, before they were interrupted by VÃ¡sak and the rest of the detail, and the duo froze.

"**What are you two doing?" **Skapti asked with a chuckle as he spotted KrÃ-a's paw pinning the young dragon as he held her wingtip in his gummy mouth.

"**We **_**were **_**getting breakfast."** KrÃ-a responded with a laugh as she released the dragon from his clawed prison. Suddenly, he released a low growl.

At first, she was confused, but she got her explanation as she saw Moonchaser's eyes in slits, boring into VÃ¡sak as he stepped from the brush bordering the beach.

"**I'm sorry f-"**

"**For almost killing me?"** Moonchaser cut him off in an incredulous tone. KrÃ-a chuffed at him with a light, growling manner, catching him off-guard.

Moonchaser silenced himself with a huff, before wading into the water, plucking a fish from the shallows. whilst SafÃ-r approached KrÃ-a.

"**You're acting like his mother." **She commented with a laugh. KrÃ-a rolled her eyes.

"**I know that... Now he almost treats me as if I **_**am**_** his mother, and I don't think he realizes it."** She answered as he watched Moonchaser.

"**Well, what are you going to do? You do realize that we have to leave soon."**

KrÃ-a sighed. **"I don't know."**

Before they could continue their conversation, Ã“skar barked a warning. Looking up, they saw what looked to be six Skrills heading for them.

"**Defensive positions!"** VÃ¡sak called out as he began to fire toward the attackers once he spotted the Order's mark seared upon their scales.

KrÃ-a began to scan around for Moonchaser, but found him bolting from the water toward VÃ¡sak, marks ablaze. _'He's going to try to fight?!'_ She thought in alarm.

"**Einar! Get back!"** She called to him in an attempt to deter him from joining the fight. He simply barked in defiance.

Moonchaser jumped to the side as one of the Skrills shot lightning his way, glassing the sand where the blast impacted the island. Three others followed, deviating their attention from the adults and to him.

"**They're after **_**him!**_**"** VÃ¡sak conveyed as he downed one of the Skrills, who remained motionless on the reddening sand.

Moonchaser shot upward and into the throat of a Skrill preparing to dive toward Skapti while she was covering Ã“skar. Claws extended, Moonchaser drove them deep into the Skrill's jugular as he blasted the side of his head before leaping off the larger dragon.

Screeching in pain, the Skrill's gargling, bloodied head crashed into the sand with a thud, a gargling sound emanating from his maw as he struggled futilely to stop the bleeding. Moonchaser watched as the metallic, crimson liquid spurted from his throat and pooled on the sand, before the Skrill went limp.

'_Oh myâ€¦'_ KrÃ-a thought as she turned around to see Moonchaser hovering over the deceased Skrill.

However, she didn't have time to ponder the youngling's actions as an assailant landed near her. She jumped sideways to evade a tail adorned with razor-like spines, crackling with an electric charge. Growling, she attempted to lunge, but was grazed on the shoulder by

one of the claws topping the crest of the Skrill's wings.

'_Damnit! I can't get close enough.'_ She thought to herself, before simply blasting her assailant in the chest.

KrÃ-a had pounced forward and slit the stunned dragon's throat when she heard Moonchaser bark for assistance, two larger dragons closing in on him while he silently charged a blast.

VÃ¡sak roared at the two while Ã“skar blasted a Skrill beside him, and both rushed forward. Moonchaser saw them bolt toward him and fired at the neck of one of the Skrills, blowing apart his vertebrae and severing his head from his body, stunning the second dragon. Not a moment later, VÃ¡sak came down onto the unsuspecting dragon, taking his neck in his maw, VÃ¡sak snapped his neck with a powerful twist.

Breathing heavily, all of them looked around at one another, silently examining each other for injuries. KrÃ-a had a wound on her shoulder, a bit of Ã“skar's earplate was missing, VÃ¡sak had a few cuts, and Skapti and SafÃ-r were unharmed.

KrÃ-a moved to Moonchaser. **"Are you alright?" **She asked, concerned. Moonchaser remained still, before pressing his head into her chest, a gesture of thanks. For a moment, she was confused, but then gave a low croon.

Moonchaser backed up with a smile, before throwing himself into the sky.

KrÃ-a was still bewildered as to what had just happened, when SafÃ-r padded up next to her.

"**That was weird."** She thought aloud as she tilted her head at the sky. KrÃ-a hummed in agreement.

SafÃ-r chuckled. **"You'll see your adopted son again."** She teased as she looked to her friend, who was unsure if to growl or laugh, but settled for a roll of her eyes.

"**Come on, we still have a patrol to finish."** VÃ¡sak called from the beach.

KrÃ-a sighed and gave one more look to the sky, before following her detail into the air.

-End of Flashback-

Hiccup, Toothless, and her family were slightly slack-jawed at the answer.

Amir began chortling. **"You're practically his **_**mom**_**."**

KrÃ-a hummed with amusement. **"I supposeâ€¦"** She mused as she shuffled forward and snuffled at one of Moonchaser's earplates, who warbled indignantly. Toothless' earplates perked skyward as VÃ¡sak landed in the clearing, dipping his head to them, before turning to Moonchaser.

"**Four other Kells have arrived, Ã•sveiÃ°i, the Whitescale Kell of the Fire-Heavens, Eldur-Himinn. ****Ã•skatla, the Whitescale Kellress of the Widelands, BreiÃ°urjÃ¶rÃ°um. ****RÃ¶kkvi, the Darkscale Kell of the Firehearth Mountain, Elduraflinn Fjall. And FegurÃ°Ã-, the Darkscale Kellress of the Rich-Lands, RÃ-kur-JÃ¶rÃ°um. We are still awaiting the arrival of ****KonrÃ¡Ã°,****RÃ¶gnvar****, and HjallkÃ¡r." **The new Kell explained confidently.

Moonchaser stood and faced him. **"Good. Are they settling in?" **

"**Yes, they have arrangements."** He answered.

Moonchaser nodded with a smile as VÃ¡sak turned and darted out of the small, grassy clearing.

Stepping back to his companions, Toothless began. **"Was that the only time you two have seen one another?"**

"**Of course not." **Moonchaser commented.

"**Many times. Far spread, however." **KrÃ-a answered Toothless, who was eyeing Amir, the tiny ebony dragon stalking behind Hiccup. Toothless opened her maw to bark at Amir, but was too late as the small dragon had propelled himself into Hiccup's back with his wings.

Hiccup yelped slightly in surprise as he was knocked breathlessly onto his front, Amir using him as a launchpad.

"Gahâ€¦ AMIR!" He exclaimed as the said hatchling scampered to his pack and began to rummage through it, stuffing his front paws and head inside, much to the amusement of all others present.

"There are easier ways of getting my attention. Like _asking._" Hiccup mused exasperatedly, stepping over to his pack and pulling it away from the curious hatchling. "You've already been through it once!"

Successfully separating Amir from the bag, Hiccup's hammer toppled out onto the ground. Hiccup looked to Amir, to the hammer, and then back to Amir as the small dragon began to squirm in excitement, to the confusion of Cira and Ferinr.

"Oh, is _that_ what you were looking for?" Hiccup laughed as he picked up the hammer and walked to a sunlit spot in the small clearing, and sat down on the warm grass.

Amir waited expectantly, along with his parents, who were befuddled as to what was happening. However, they soon got their answer as a small dot of light appeared before them, and proceeded to dart around the clearing as Amir gave chase.

Smirking, Hiccup maneuvered the dot around Amir once more and aimed the dot onto Moonchaser, who pretended not to notice Amir slowly creeping onto his back. However, when Hiccup aimed the dot onto Moonchaser's head, Amir pounced and landed just short and plopped down onto his neck.

The hatchling barked in surprise when he ungracefully rolled off of

Moonchaser as the Alpha descended into a fit of convulsions, blood trickling from his maw as he lay on his side.

"**Einar!" **They exclaimed, nearly in sync.

"**He did it again, didn't he?"** KrÃ-a questioned Hakan as she began to examine the large dragon. Hakan remained silent.

"_**Didn't he?!"**_ She roared at the silent Skrill, eyes shimmering.

"**Yesâ€¦"** Hakan admitted silently.

"**Wait, what's going on? What's wrong with him?"** Toothless asked frantically.

"**Cira, get a healer!" "No! They will only hinder him!"** KrÃ-a exclaimed, cutting off Ferinr, earning herself puzzled looks.

She turned to Hakan. **"We need to get him to Kellsreach. There, he can be protected. With the arrival of the Kells, I can think of a certain dragon who'd find it a good thing if he never recovered from this. I'll find FegurÃ°Ã- and leave for the ****eldur-Ã¡vexti immediately.****" **She explained to Hakan as she turned to fly, but paused. **"Oh, and Hakan? Take care of him for me**_**.**_**"** She added seriously before unfurling her wings blasting to the air with a tree-shuddering boom. Hakan gave a silent nod before looking to Ferinr.

"**Ferinr, get a guard detail. EdyÃ-s and I will keep him stable." **He said to the male, who nodded and rocketed into the midday sky.

Hakan sighed as he turned to barely conscious brother. **"You better hold on, or KrÃ-a's going to kick my ass."** He joked in an attempt to lighten the mood as Toothless stalked closer.

"**Hakan, **_**please**_**. What is wrong with him?"** Toothless begged as she gently nuzzled her softly whining Alpha.

"**That is a question for KrÃ-a. Let's just keep him stable until VÃ¡sak returns. That way we can take him to Kellsreach before the ****FlÃ-srokk Eyjan detail arrives****. In this condition, if **_**this**_** doesn't kill him, ****KonrÃ¡Ã° will."** Hakan dismissed, fear lacing his voice.

She had heard stories of KonrÃ¡Ã°, the hundred-and-fifty-year-old Warrior-Kell of FlÃ-srokk Eyjan, a rugged, cave dotted, and brusk island made almost completely of stone. He used to serve on a strike wing to keep the Order out of the lower Blackscale region.

"**Why would a Kell want to kill Moonchaser?"** Hiccup asked curiously.

Moonchaser attempted to speak, but all that was heard was a quiet croak.

"**Don't speak, you'll strain yourself."** Hakan ordered as he laid a wingtip down onto his brother's shoulder.

Meanwhile, Cira was consoling Amir.

"**It's my faultâ€¦"** The hatchling pouted as he looked to his mother.

"**No, Amir. You didn't do that. It wasn't your fault, okay? He'll be alrightâ€¦"** Cira answered her son, but not without the same uncertainty he had asked with.

Minutes later, Ferinr landed in the small clearing with VÃ¡sak, and five other Night Furies. Going to Hakan, Ferinr followed VÃ¡sak.

"**Can he fly?"** He asked, despite knowing the answer.

"**No. He's incapacitated. It's gotten worse." **Hakan answered.

"**What has, exactly?"**

"**We will explain later. Now, we need to get him to Kellsreach, under guard."**

VÃ¡sak gave Hakan an uncertain look, and Toothless interjected. **"Just trust him. We need to go, **_**now.**_**"** She said while looking down at Moonchaser, worsening with each passing moment.**

>"I trust you. Follow me, I know a concealed route to the reach, a cave system that tunnels underneath the arch which was revealed after the collapse. The only way there is down the coast. Let's pick him up." VÃ¡sak ordered. Moonchaser grunted painfully as three Guardians laid him on their backs, sharing his weight, and started toward the sea.

After half an hour of walking, the sea came into view. **"There, by the crag."** One of the furies called as the group stood at the cliffed perimeter of the large island. Toothless looked to see what looked like a small hole in the side of the jagged, glimmering cliff face. VÃ¡sak nodded and began to descend, leading the rest behind him.

Toothless peered over the side to see the foamy, white waves crash against the stone blades scattered off the coast as she and the other dragons slinked their way along a narrow jut in the rocks, Hiccup tightly gripping his harness.

"**Almost to the entrance!"** VÃ¡sak called from ahead.

After a few moments, Hiccup let out an audible sigh as they reached wide, solid ground once more.

"You'd think after riding dragons for five years, you would get accustomed to this kind of thing." Hiccup said with a sarcastic chuckle as he gazed over the ledge of the cliff face.

Toothless remained silent, shrugging off his attempt to lighten the situation, gazing ahead toward the barely conscious Night Fury.

"**Come, let's go."** VÃ¡sak urged, starting into the mouth of the

cave.

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><p>"FegurÃ°Ã-!" KrÃ-a called in a frantic tone as she descended toward Kellsreach. A Night Fury clad in ebony scales, glinting with a green shade looked skyward as KrÃ-a descended to her. **"KrÃ-a! It's be-"**

"**No time. We need to leave for Eyjan Berjum****, now!" **KrÃ-a nearly shouted at the Kellress, drawing all attention to herself. She watched as FegurÃ°Ã- thought to herself for a moment.

"**Didn't you hear what he did?" **She responded.

"**What? No, I only found out just now. Listen, we need to leave. It's gotten worse, alarmingly faster than the first time. And on the way, I want you to tell me everything you've heard, okay?"** KrÃ-a barked impatiently.

FegurÃ°Ã- looked back to the detail of Guardians behind her.

"**Alright. They're coming."** She said, nodding to KrÃ-a.

"**Good. Let's go."** She responded, before streaking into the sky followed by FegurÃ°Ã- and six others. Together, they blasted west.

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><p>"I will go ahead and clear a section for him." VÃ¡sak informed the group, stopping at the tunnel's final slope upward into Kellsreach. Toothless nodded to him as he ascended.

"**Bring him up."** VÃ¡sak called in a hushed tone, peering into the small cavern below.

Toothless let out a small sigh of relief as they stepped upward and around a large boulder, revealing a medium sized room, lit only by the fire of two of the furies. Hiccup blinked several times as his eyes adjusted to the low light level in the cool, stone room.

"Where are we in the reach?" Hakan inquired.

VÃ¡sak turned to face him.** "Underground in the center. Lay him here." **He finished, turning to the rest of the group, who did as they were told, and laid the barely conscious dragon onto a thick patch of uprooted grass.

Hakan and Toothless immediately went to his side followed by Hiccup. Unable to speak, he projected to the two, _**'I'm sorry, for being anâ€¦ arrogant dick. I didn't know it would progress like this, I'm sorry. If I knew, I would've told you.' **_Moonchaser admitted, rolling his tongue in his dry mouth.

"**That doesn't matter right now... Einar? Come on, brother, stay with me." **Hakan told him, who began to groggily close his eyes. **"Einar!" **His eyes opened wide once more. **"No sleeping, okay? I need you to stay awake for us. You can sleep later, alright? Not

nowâ€¦" **Hakan continued, placing the end of his tail, writhing with an low electric charge, and placed it onto Moonchaser's sensitive tailfins in an effort to keep him awake. He smiled slightly as his idea succeeded in keeping him awake, but his thoughts had a different setting. _'This is bad, very bad. It shouldn't be progressing like this, it hasn't ever before, it'sâ€¦ unnatural.' _He thought worriedly.

'_Come on, KrÃ-a, where are you?' _Toothless thought, watching helplessly as Hakan repeated the small shocks, the only things keeping her mate from slipping away.

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><p>Happy Cliffhanger Day :p Anyways, leave a review or something, it helps keep me going, your guys' support is awesome.

Thanks to everyone who reviewed, followed, or favorited since last chapter!

**First off, my unofficial Japanese translator person, who is awesome, Shiori Kudo! I really appreciate
that.**

Lunafanficsinc

Retrokill- RIGHT? THEY CANCELED A THING FOR THE FOURTH TIME, SO I DIDN'T GET MY POSITION! FOR THE FOURTH TIME IN A ROW! XD Still tho... we're gonna get there...

charnii

simba71999- Thanks, I finally got it done :P And in response to your previous review, I sincerely thank you

AquaJinx

Ice and Fire dragon

Dragon Lord Draco- Haha, I'm finally over it thanks to the magic of coffee beans...

Mantax64

VzCarvr

yesboss21- Ehhhh, no.

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><p>That's all for now! Merry Whateverholidayyoucelebrate, and enjoy your time off!

14. Chapter 14: Healing

Hey guys. So the surgery went well, and I'm four ounces lighter :P. I got my pathology results and nearly cried because as of now, I am completely cancer free! Yay!

However, I _did_ write this quickie (I couldn't bear posting another thing that wasn't a chapter) while doped up on tramadol, do it may not be my _best_ writing, but it's a hell of a lot better than writering in pain! Hehe

Anyways, enjoy the chapter, and I am SOOOOOO FREAKIN SORRY FOR NOT WRITING ANYTHING! Life just finds a way to fuck me around every turn.

Again, I can't thank you all enough for the support. Love you all!

~Moonchaser

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><p>"I see it! On the horizon, sunward!" FegurÃ°Ã- called an hour into their high-speed flight, beginning her rapid descent, folding her primary and secondary tailfins while angling her wings upward.

Several moments later, they came upon an island that looked pink from the air. However as the eight of them landed, their paws were cushioned by thousands of small berries, ranging in sizes.

KrÃ-a and FegurÃ°Ã- spent several minutes plucking the small fruits from the prevalent clusters of bushes about the isle before the group took flight back to the colony.

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><p>Toothless raised her head from beside Einar as VÃ¡sak stepped into the room. "What is it?"<br>"The rest of the Kells have arrived, I haven't told them about his condition for obvious reasons, but I can only stall so long. How long ago did KrÃ-a depart?" **He admitted.

"**Nearly two hours ago." **Toothless replied, looking down to Einar.

"**Good. Hakan?" **VÃ¡sak asked, shuffling his paws to look at the Skrill.

"**Yes?" **He answered curiously while looked to VÃ¡sak, continuing his periodic shocks to his brother's tail.

"**I need you to stay hidden until Einar is back on his feet. I doubt the Kells will receive you kindly. I'm not certain how I feel about you being here either." **He expressed, letting his eyes follow Hakan's tail down to Einar where small bolts branched out wildly in a strobe-like interval.

Hakan nodded, but before he could speak, KrÃ-a and FegurÃ°Ã- scampered into the room from the main entrance. All three heads turned to them before they opened their maws and let the berries spill out onto the stone floor. Toothless watched as they rolled a short distance, the small pink objects highlighting themselves in the firelight.

"What are these? I have never seen them before." Hiccup asked as he stood and picked a berry from the ground near his foot and examined it.

"**There will be time for questions later, now we need to set to work. KrÃ-a, help me with this."** FegurÃ°Ã- said as she motioned toward Einar. As KrÃ-a began to roll many of the small fruits toward Einar, FegurÃ°Ã- fired at the stone repeatedly with small blasts. She huffed as a small bowl-like crater had formed. Satisfied with it, she looked back to KrÃ-a and joined her in moving the pink orbs into the hole.

Hiccup looked over in interest as KrÃ-a began to smash the berries into a chunky paste, their little creation resembling a mortar and pestle. _'I had no idea they had medicineâ€¦'_ He thought to himself as he gazed on in interest while the two females began to gingerly heat the stone around it.

"**How is it coming?"** Hakan called anxiously as he arched his neck in an attempt to view their progress.

"**Almost complete. Just a few more seconds." **KrÃ-a answered.

"**Done, open his maw. Human, help me with this." **FegurÃ°Ã- ordered while she removed a paw from the hole, now covered in a dark pink paste. Hakan paused his shocks and hurriedly parted Einar's mouth with his tail. Hiccup, surprised at the address, opened his bag and produced a meal-sized wooden bowl and hurried to the black forest colored dragon. Kneeling, he scooped his bowl through the paste. Unsure what to do next, he set it beside Einar's head as the female Kell turned and faced him.

"**You're not really going to do it with him conscious, are you?" **The Skrill barked in alarm.

KrÃ-a looked sympathetically at him, **"If we render him unconscious, he could slip away. Justâ€¦ secure him."** She finished slowly.

Sighing, Hakan lowered his head down near his brother's and began to whisper to him, inaudible to the others as he laid himself atop his back, securing his wings and forelegs.

"**Why? What happens if he's awake?"** Toothless asked worriedly, looking to KrÃ-a.

"**It'sâ€¦ excruciating. It would be better if he were unconscious, but we can't risk it this time. Hakan, his jaws?"**

"**Rightâ€¦"** The Skrill propped his brother's maw open with the end of his tail and KrÃ-a dipped her paw into the bowl of paste. Slowly, she wormed it into his mouth and depositing it at the very back of his throat. The snow-colored dragon repeated this twice before coming around to the side of Einar's head. She positioned her tail at his throat and performed a rolling motion, pulling the paste down into his throat. Several seconds later, Einar cried out as best he could, however it left his maw as a sickening screech.

"**I know, Einar, I know, just hang on, we're nearly done." **KrÃ-a

cooed, nuzzling his head while Einar continued his cries, his claws digging deep, jagged marks into the dark stone beneath him.

Minutes later, KrÃ-a ceased her movements and looked down to the Alpha. FegurÃ°Ã- spoke for her, **"He needs to rest. VÃ¡sak, can you move the council to tomorrow?"** The Kellress asked, tilting her head as she gazed at the orange-eyed dragon. VÃ¡sak thought for a moment before nodding and walking out of the chamber.

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><p>Einar awoke before dawn the next day only to find himself snuggled between his brother on his right and his mate on his left. Smiling to himself, he squirmed away from them as slowly as he could out from between the two. Turning his head back toward the entrance, he met a pair of violet eyes.<p>

"**Where do you think you're going?" **KrÃ-a interrogated lightheartedly.

Einar smiled. _**"Am I not allowed to be hungry? My insides were literally on fire." **_He projected quietly to the silky-white dragoness.

KrÃ-a chuckled and nodded. **"Come, I don't want to risk anyone seeing you like this yet." **She explained, padding toward the mouth of the tunnel. Einar followed.

Reaching the mouth on the other side, the view opened up to the sea, a gentle breeze brushing the island while waves capped and crashed down below.

KrÃ-a spoke first, **"Einar, why did you do it? Why, after what happened last time?"**

Einar turned to her, _**"Because they hit another colony. They killed everyone, KrÃ-a. They ne-"**_

"**I know that. I am asking why you risked your life a second time with that blast. It almost killed you when you were younger, and it brought you further, and faster than last time. If you do it again, we won't have enough time to save you, is this worth that? Leaving your mate, Hakan, and myself to mourn?" **She confronted him, her eyes beginning to well up with tears.

Einar looked away. _**"I'm sorry."**_

"**I'm **_**sorry?! **_**You know all too well how it feels to lose someone close to you. I went through it with my parents, my sister, my mate, and oneâ€¦ one of my own young. Andâ€¦ And I'm sure as hell not going through it with you." **She stammered slightly, looking into his eyes.

Einar looked down with a sullen gaze. **"Einar look at me."** KrÃ-a said, stomping her paw on the stone. Einar brought her gaze back to the silky-white dragoness. _**"I promise." **_He projected.

"**Thank you, Einar."** She responded before he nosed the side of her head.

KrÃ-a smiled. **"I love you too. Now let's get an early breakfast. Can you fly?"**

Einar nodded. **"Good. Come on."**

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